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STATED SPRING MEETING OF THE

PRESBYTERY OF ALASKA

SITKA, ALASKA.

APRIL 10-15,

1947.

STATED MEETING OF PRESBYTERY OF ALASKA.
Sitka, Alaska. April 10th-15th 1947.

The Meeting was opened with a devotional period, and sermon by the retiring Moderator, Rev. Willis R. Booth. It was held in the Presbyterian church at 7:30 P.M. Thursday April 10th.

The meeting was then called to order by the retiring Moderator, and constituted with prayer by Rev. Kenneth Fox.

The Roll was made up and is as follows;

Present

Ministers	{ George R. Betts	Angoon, Andrew Gamble
	{ Willis R. Booth	Craig, George Edenso
	{ John K. Dodge	Haines, George Casko
	{ B. Ross Cleeland	Hoonah, Charlie Davis
	{ Kenneth F. Fox	Hydaburg, Peter Nathan
	{ Edw. D. Freeman	Elders Juneau Mem'l, Clara Barlow
	{ Alwin H. Gahly	Juneau, Norlit, Clarence E Wrafield
	{ Elwood B. Hunter	Kake Peter Martin
	{ Paul H. Prouty	Ketchikan, Alice Reese
	{ Walter A. Soboleff	Klawock, George Demmert
	{ Verne J. Swanson	Klukwan, James King
	Alfred D. Swogger	Metlakatla, Arthur Nelson
(Petersburg, Lena Richardson	
	Sitka, Ralph Young Sr.	

Absent

{ George J. Beck
{ Sam'l G. Davis
{ Herbert W. Greig
{ John B. Stevens
{ Harris H. Story
{ R. S. Towne
{ Jackson L. Webster
{ Ralph K. Wheeler

A Quorum was found to be present.

Presbytery did then proceed to elect a Moderator for the coming year. The names of Edward Freeman, Paul Prouty, and George Betts were placed in nomination. Soboleff and Dodge were appointed tellers. Edward D. Freeman was elected. He was escorted to the platform by George R. Betts.

B. Ross Cleeland was nominated to the office of Permanent Clerk. As there were no further nominations, the Clerk was instructed to cast the Unanimous ballot. The ballot was cast, and B. Ross Cleeland was declared elected to the office of Permanent Clerk.

John K. Dodge was nominated to the office of Temporary Clerk. Being no further nominations the Clerk was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot. The ballot was cast, and John K. Dodge was declared elected to the office of Temporary Clerk.

Elwood B. Hunter reported for the Entertainment Committee.

The docket was presented by the Stated Clerk. It was moved that the reading of the Minutes, the reception of Ministers and Churches, the Stated Clerk's Report be changed from Friday Afternoon to Saturday morning. That the work of the Princeton-Hall be transferred from Saturday morning to Friday afternoon, so that Dr. Jackman might be present for the discussion. That the time for the Friday evening meeting be

changed to 8:00 o'clock. The motion was carried. Dr. Mark Dawber gave the evening sermon at 8:00 o'clock Friday evening April 11th.

Motion made and carried that Presbytery adjourn to meet Friday morning at 9:00 o'clock in the Luthern Church. Meeting was closed with prayer by Willis R. Booth.

FRIDAY MORNING APRIL 11th 1947.

9:00 A.M.

Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, and devotions were led by Layworker Cyrus Peck.

It was moved and carried that a telegram of congratulations be sent to the Palmer Church, which is celebrating its 10th Anniversary.

The locations of committee meetings were announced. The Presbytery did then recess until 2:00 P.M.

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Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator. After the singing of an hymn Verne J. Swanson led in prayer.

The Roll was made up and a Quorum was found to be present.

The order of the day was sufficiently changed to make place for the hearing of words of welcome from The Rev. Nygaard.

An invitation was read from the Amb and A.M.S inviting the Presbytery to dinner Saturday night. The invitation was accepted.

The letter of Dismission of the Rev. Raymong B. Spivey from the Presbytery of Durant to the Presbytery of Alask was presented. It was moved and carried that the letter be received, and the Clerk be instructed to enroll his name.

The Rev. Naygaard was introduced by Elwood Hunter, and gave a very cordial welcome to the Presbytery to meet in his church, and a strong challenge to combat the powers of evil.

It was moved and carried that The Rev. Nygaard be invited to sit in the meetings of Presbytery.

It was moved and carried that the following be enrolled as corresponding members of Presbytery; Dr. Mark E. Dawber, Conference of Wyoming; Dr. J. Earl Jackman, Presbytery of Jersey City, and Layworkers Arthur Johnson, Andrew Gamble, Cyrus Peck.

The National Missions Chairman introduced the matter of the work of the Princeton-Hall. The Report of the General Missionary, Paul H. Prouty, was read, and it was moved and carried that the report be received.

It was moved and carried that the work of the Princeton-Hall be considered after Roll call Sat. morning.

Dr. Mark E. Dawber was introduced and gave a splendid talk on the Home Mission Council's relation to the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. J. Earl Jackman was introduced and spoke on the work of the National Missions Board and its problems, and the desire to do its work well.

The Moderator read the appointments of the Standing Committee. (Insert here) Closing prayer was offered by Raymond B. Spivey, and Presbytery adjourned to Saturday morning at 9:00 A.M.

SATURDAY MORNING APRIL 12th
9:00 A.M.

A fifteen minutes devotional period was led by B. Ross Cleeland. Presbytery was then called to order by the Moderator and prayer was offered by Paul H. Prouty.

The Roll was made up and a Quorum was found to be present.

The Moderator called for a discussion of the work of the Princeton Hall. It was moved and carried that Rolland Burrows be given the courtesy of the floor.

It was moved and carried that Presbytery undertake to raise the money for new motors for the Princeton Hall, and that a committee be appointed to supervise the raising of the money.

It was moved that the Presbytery recommend to the Board of National Missions through Dr. Jackman, that, as far as possible labor charges for the work on Princeton Hall be confined to normal charges.

Motion carried.

Dr. Jackman and Dr. Dawber were excused from Presbytery, and the Presbytery recessed until 11:00 o'clock to give time for last minute greetings.

At 11:00 o'clock Alwin E. Gall led the Presbytery in an inspiring hour of Bible study.

At the conclusion of the period it was moved and carried that the Minutes not yet approved, be read. The Minutes of the Pre-re-nata meeting of December 3d 1946, were corrected to read, 'B. Ross Cleeland was from Phoenix Presbytery'. Minutes were then approved.

The Minutes of the 10th and 11th April meetings were approved as read.

It was voted to extend the docket one half hour.

The request of Rev. Ralph K. Wheeler to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery for another year, was granted.

The Stated Clerk presented his report which was received. ~~3~~

The choosing of a Commissioner to General Assembly was taken up. Verne J. Swanson withdrew his name as candidate. A. D. Swogger was the next in order, but on account of a strong sentiment on the part of some of the Presbyters, he withdrew his name. Walter Soboleff was the next in order, and he was nominated. A ballot was taken and Walter A. Soboleff was elected a Ministerial Commissioner to the 159 General Assembly meeting in Grand Rapids May 22nd 1947.

The Rev. Edward DasFreeman was nominated as Alternate Ministerial Commissioner to General Assembly meeting in Grand Rapids. The ballot was taken and he was declared elected. The tellers were; Rev. Paul Prouty and Elder George Edenso.

The election of Elder Commissioner was then taken up, and the name of Ted Benson Elder in the Metlakatla Church was proposed. The ballot was taken and Ted Benson was duly elected Elder Commissioner to the 159th General Assembly meeting in Grand Rapids May 22nd 1947. Mr. Ralph Young Sr. was duly elected alternate Elder Commissioner to General Assembly, meeting in Grand Rapids May 22nd.

It was moved and carried that the delegates be instructed to represent the Presbytery at the Pre-Assembly Conference.

Presbytery did then adjourn until 2:00 P.M. Closing prayer was offered by Willis R. Booth.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.
2:00 P.M.

Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, and opened with prayer by Elwood B. Hunter.

A. D. Swogger was elected delegate to Washington Synod meeting in Yakimaw July 8th. Edward D. Freeman was elected Alternate delegate to Synod.

Elwood B. Hunter led a discussion on "The New Life Movement".

Willis R. Booth led a discussion on "The Pastor and the Whole Church."

Walter A. Soboleff lead a discussion on "Leadership Training."

The Moderator appointed B. Ross Cleeland, Elwood B. Hunter and Elder Ralph Young Sr a committee for the raising of funds for the Princeton Hall Motor, or motors.

Presbytery did then adjourn to meet at 9:00 o'clock Monday morning. Closing prayer was offered by B. Ross Cleeland.

SUNDAY APRIL 13th 1947.

11:00 A.M. Morning worship, with sermon by John K. Dodge followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

7:30 P/M. Worship service, with sermon by George R. Betts

MONDAY MORNING APRIL 14th 1947.

9:00 A.M.

A fifteen minutes devotional period was led by Layworker Arthur Johnson.

9:15 Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, and prayer was offered by George R. Betts.

The Roll was made up and Quorum was found to be present. Minutes of Saturday's Meeting were read and approved.

It was moved that Andrew Gamble be enrolled as Elder delegate from Angoon, Motion carried.

George R. Betts reported on his trip to the General Assembly meeting in Atlantic City. The report was received and the Commissioner was commended for his fidelity, and zeal in promoting the needs of Alaska.

George R. Betts was appointed Vice-Moderator, and asked to take the chair.

Edward D. Freeman then reported for the United Promotion Committee. It was moved and carried that the report be received.

"Benevolence quotas have been assigned according to the formula sent down from the General Council. However the Boards will need considerably more money than this minimum and all churches are urged to do as much beyond this quota as possible. This will be a nine months year, and all benevolences should be in the hands of the United Council, Central Receiving Agency, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10 N.Y. before Dec. 31st 1947. The benevolences quotas should be listed in the digest of the Minutes of Presbytery which is sent to each member of Presbytery. (see attached sheet of quotas)

2. During the past year, New Life Movement evangelistic meetings have been held in most of the churches of the Presbytery in cooperation with the M.S. Princeton-Hall.

3. All ministers and Layworkers are urged to read carefully the Special Committee of Laymen that was sent you from New York following last year's General Assembly.

4. That Presbytery ask each church to assume responsibility for the circulation of the new church paper, "The Presbyterian Life", and that each church be assigned a minimum quota of subscribers -10% of the membership. (Benevolence quota for 1947)

Angoon.....	\$ 55.00	41.25	Craig.....	\$75.00	56.25
Haines.....	110.00	82.50	Hoonah.....	65.00	48.75
Hydaburg.....	110.00	82.50	Juneau Memorial..	200.00	150.-
Juneau Northern Lt	610.00	457.50	Kake.....	55.00	41.25
Kasaan.....	10.00	7.50	Ketchikan.....	285.00	213.75
Klawock.....	40.00	30.-	Klukwan.....	20.00	15.-
Metlakatla.....	270.00	202.50	Petersburg.....	55.00	41.25
Sitka.....	470.00	357.50	Skagway.....	335.00	251.25
Wrangell.....	220.00	"165.-			

The Moderator then resumed the chair.

Elwood B. Hunter reported for the Foreign Missions Committee : (Report to be inserted) #5. Recommendations follow;

1. That each pastor institute in his church, if not already established, a six period mission study course preferably in the Fall of the year or at the time when such a project would be most effective.

2. That the "Year Book of Prayer for Missions" be used before the Pastoral prayer each Sunday Morning.

3. That some evening messages be prepared on the life story, the biography, of some great missionary and that these messages be given in a series of meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Elwood B. Hunter,
Chairman.

WILLIS/R/B/ptb/tpptt#

Moved and carried that the report be received and the recommendations adopted including some additions by Alwin E. Gall.

Willis R.Booth reported for the Committee on Pensions, and it was moved and carried to receive the report and adopt the recommendations. Following is partial report, with recommendations; #6

"Your Committee requested the Board of Pensions to send a statement showing the status of each worker and church in the Presbytery. Unfortunately, that information has not arrived. We must therefore hope all is well with you. Each Church is obligated to pay their 8% portion on Ministers salary.

We have one beneficiary of the Service Pension Plan, within our bounds, - Mrs. Tillie K. Paul Tamaree - of Wrangell

Specail offering for the Board of Pensions on the Ministerial Relief side of the cause will be received on Mother's Day.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That each Pastor and Layworker present the cause of Pensions and Ministerial relief cause.
2. Pensions four Home's be carried on the prayer list.
3. A special offering be received on Mother's Day, May 11 for Pensions.

Signed,

Willis R.Booth,
Chairman.

No report from the Vacancy-Supply Committee.

The report of the Committee on Social Education and Action was presented by George R. Betts. Moved and carried that report be received.

It was moved and carried to extend the Bible Hour one half hour in order that Presbytery might hear Mrs. Norton on "The Question of Alcohol." Mrs. Norton spoke, and her report was received.

Alwin E. Gall gave the Bible Study. Presbytery did then adjourn to meet again at 2:00 o'clock P.M. Closing prayer by A.E. Gall.

MONDAY AFTERNOON MAY 14th
2:00 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by the Moderator and a hymn was sung followed with prayer by Arthur Johnson.

Elwood B. Hunter reported on the New Life Movement. It was moved and carried that the report be received.

Willis R. Booth reported on Bills and Overtures;

1.-A-1946, On amending Form of Government, Chapter XXVII Sect.

X "Particular Church shall not sell or mortgage any real property without written permission of Presbytery transmitted through particular church". (AFFIRMATIVE)

2.-B;-On amending Form of Government Chapter XIV. (AFFIRMATIVE.)

3.-C.-On amending Form of Government, Chapter X, Adding new Section XV. (AFFIRMATIVE.)

4.-D.-On amending Form of Government, Chapter III, Section II. (NEGATIVE.)

5.-E.-On amending Form of Government, by adding new Chapter XXVIII. (AFFIRMATIVE)

6.-F.-On amending Form of Government, Chapter X, Section XIII. (AFFIRMATIVE)

7.-G.- On amending Form of Government, Chapter XI, Section VII. (AFFIRMATIVE)

It was moved and carried to receive the report as a whole.

The Committee on Nominations presented its report, A.E.Gall reporting;

United Promotion:

Edward D. Freeman, Ch.	'48	Willis R. Booth, Ch.	'49
Paul H. Prouty	'49	Alfred D. Swogger	'48
Elder, P.E. Verney.	'48		

Pension:

Edward D. Freeman, Ch.	'48	Willis R. Booth, Ch.	'49
Paul H. Prouty	'49	Alfred D. Swogger	'48
Elder, P.E. Verney.	'48		

Restoration Fund:

National Missions:

Alfred D. Swogger, Ch.	'48	Raymond B. Spivey, Ch.	'48
George R. Betts	'50	Willis R. Booth	'48
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Elders. Andrew Gamble	'49	Vacancy and Supply:	
Clarence Rands	'49	Alfred D. Swogger, Ch.	'49
		Paul H. Prouty	'49
		Elder Cyrus Peck	'49

Christian Education:

Kenneth F. Fox, Ch.	'49	Social Education & Action:	
John K. Dodge	'50	George R. Betts, Ch.	'49
Elder, W. Leslie Yaw.	'48	Willis R. Booth	'49
		Elder Arthur Johnson	'49

Elwood B. Hunter, Ch.	'49	New Life Movement:	
Alwin E. Gall	'49	B. Ross Cleland, Ch.	'50
Elder Sam Johnson.	'48	Elwood B. Hunter	'50
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		George Edens	'49
		Respectfully submitted	

		Walter A. Soboleff	
		Alwin E. Gall	

		Elder, Peter Nathan.	
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It was moved and carried that the report as corrected be received.

It was moved and carried that Presbytery adjourn until 9:15 Tuesday morning. Closing prayer was offered by Elder Peter Nathan.

TUESDAY MORNING APRIL 15th

9:00 A.M.

Devotions were conducted by Paul H. Prouty. At 9:15 the Moderator called the meeting to order and requested Miss. Isabel Miller to lead in prayer.

The Roll was made up and a Quorum was found present.

Monday's Minutes were read and approved.

It was moved and carried to give Miss. Isabel Miller the courtesy of the floor.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was given:

" Fathers and Brethern;

It is good to give thanks for benefits received and when we consider the happy occasions that have marked our stay in Sitka we speak our praise in a true spirit of thanksgiving.

We therefore wish to extend our thanks to all who have made our meeting at Sitka such an enjoyable affair and especially to the following:

To the Sheldon Jackson Junior College for the delicious luncheons served each noon, and for the dinners served Thursday and Friday nights, and for the generous spirit of cooperation manifested.

To the local chapters of the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood of the banquet served Saturday night.

To the Presbyterian Women who served the dinner on Monday night, and to the Ladies Aid who served the dinner on Tuesday night.

To Reverend Alwin E. Gall for his stimulating and inspiring Bible hours.

To the officers of the Presbytery for their handling of our business.

To the Pastor and congregation of the Sitka Luthern Church for the use of their sanctuary for the business sessions of the Presbytery.

To the Pastor, members and friends of the congregation of the Sitka Presbyterian Church for the gracious way in which they have entertained their guests.

To the Board of National Missions for the splendid cooperation given in making possible the presence of Dr. J. Earl Jackman.

And finally, to Almighty God, for we have felt His spirit among us.

Respectfully submitted, 9
Kenneth F. Fox Ch.

It was moved and carried to accept the report and to give copies to Elwood B. Hunter and The Rev. Nygaard.

The report of the Restoration Comm. was given by Willis R. Booth, and it was moved and carried that the report be received.

Report of National Missions Comm. was presented: 10

ANGOON: - We recommend that Layworker Andrew Gamble remain for another year, and that the people of Angoon be encouraged in their project of raising the church for a recreation-room and furnace-room. We hope that the people will be able to raise \$500.00 for this purpose to match a grant of \$500.00 from the National Board.

KLUKWAN: - We recommend that Cyrus Peck serve for another year, and that the Board grant \$100.00 for repairs and sewer.

KAKE: - We recommend that Arthur Johnson serve for another year, and that the people be commended for raising \$600.00 for manse repairs. Also that the Board grant \$500.00 to share in the material cost to finish the church basement. It is our hope that the Kake people will be able to complete the church basement in time for next meeting of Presbytery.

PETERSBURG: - We recommend that the offer of three lots by the town of Petersburg be accepted, and that construction of new church and manse be started as soon as possible.

KASAAN:- We recommend that the Princeton*Hall be asked to visit Kasaan at least once every three months and that a Kasaan resident be found to carry on a Sunday School.

Layworkers:- We recommend that Layworker manned fields ,especially be encouraged to pay their share of workers salary and that they plan to increase that share as they are able.

PRINCETON HALL:- We recommend that that the Boat Missionary be asked to submit to the National Missions Committee for approval quarterly schedules of itinerary. We recommend that quarterly visits to Lay manned fields have first call upon the time of the boat missionary. Respectfully submitted

Verne J. Swanson

Temporary Ch.

The recommendations of Dr.Jackman, (Advance Program re-Alaska Presbytery) were received and adopted and the following provisions made for carrying them out:11

1.-That when Presbytery adjourns Tuesday Afternoon it adjourn to meet next Fall in connection with the time and place of the Annual Workers Conference, with the exact time and place to be determined by the Moderator and Stated Clerk.

2.-That Presbytery instruct the Moderator and Stated Clerk to work toward the solution of the problem of Dr.Jackman's 6th recommendation (The times of meeting of the Yukon and Alaska Presbyteries.)

The report of the committee on Sessional Records reported, and the report was received, and recommendations adopted. #12

The report of the Treasurer was received. /3

The Report of the Christian Ed.Comm. was received and the recommendations adopted with the following additions: ' That the C.E.Comm. implement the recommendations concerning delegates to Westminister Fellowship National Association.'. /4

" Fathers and Brethren;

Recommendations;

1.The Presbyterian Pin be purchased from Wright and Street, Jewelers, Chicago Ill. and that Clarence E.Warfield, Juneau Alaska be our agent and that an initial order of 500 pins be placed for Sept.15 delivery; and that churches place orders with agent by Sept 1st with money, pins to cost \$1.40 each.....

2.That the Senior and Young Peoples Conference be held on Sheldon Jackson College campus June 5th-10., using the theme "Thy purpose we share"; that the fee be \$15.00 per delegate, Presbytery assist with \$100,00 , and the Board of National Missions be requested to grant \$75.00. That the Committee on Ch.Ed. be empowered to plan for a 1948 Senior Young Peoples Conference.

3.That the Adult Conference in the fall be continued, to be held on the following dates, Oct.16th to 26th.

4.In cooperation with the Presbyterial we make the following recommendation: that a womens Gospel tour be held every two years, next to be held in 1948.

5.That the Committee on Christian Education be empowered to investigate the possibility of securing suitable conference grounds.

6. That the Comm. on Ch. Ed. be instructed to make plans for a possible Junior Hi Camp, and report back at next Presbytery Meeting.

7. That Presbytery go on record as favoring a program of released time from Territorial schools for the purpose of Christian education, and that the support of various churches and organizations be sought in support of this program.

10. That each church be encouraged to offer courses in Leadership Training.

12. That we be loyal to all Presbyterian Programs in all its phases, the Church, and our two institutions namely Haines House, and Sheldon Jackson Junior College.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Soboleff
Kenneth Fox
Lelie Yaw.

The Report of the Alaska Presbyterian was received. 14

It was moved and carried that the assessment for Alaska Presbyterian for the coming year be .150 per member, and that the Presbytery Treas. make up the deficit for last year.

The report was adopted.

It was moved and carried that there be a permanent committee for travel set up, and that for this year the Chairman of Nat'l Miss. Comm. and the General Missionary be that committee.

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2:00 P.M.

Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, and prayer was offered by Raymond P. Spivey.

The report of the Finance and Auditing Comm was received and recommendations adopted. 15

The Necrology Report was given and it was moved and carried to receive the same.

An Invitation from the town of Kake to hold 1948 Stated Meeting of Presbytery there, was received. It was moved and carried that the invitation be accepted with gratitude.

PETERSBURG CHURCH CHANGE NAME: Raymond Spivey moved that Presbytery grant permission to the Thlinget Presbyterian Church of Petersburg to change its name to a name to be decided at a forthcoming Congregational Meeting, in order that others than Thlingets will feel welcome to attend and work in the Presbyterian Church.

The motion was carried.

It was moved by Kenneth Fox that Presbytery Overture General Assembly to permit the Presbytery of Alaska make exception to Form of Government Chapt X, paragraphs 3-4 so that Layworkers serving vacant churches may have a vote in Pres. Motion carried.

It was moved and carried that Presbytery extend an invitation to the Moderator of the 159th G.A. to visit Alaska Presbytery on his Western tour.

It was moved and carried that Moderator & Stated Clerk appoint a committee to prosecute the establishment of a Synod of Alaska with

Presbytery of Yukon and that we inform Yukon Presbytery that we heartily approve their efforts in trying to establish the Synod.
(Committee appointed; Willis A. Poeth-B. Ross Cleveland)

The Minutes of the last day's Meetings were read and approved.
The Roll was made up.
Motion to adjourn was made and carried.

Presbytery did then adjourn to meet in Sitka at the time of the Adult Workers Conference.

The Moderator offered the closing prayer and pronounced the Benediction.

Signed by

Alfred D. Swogger
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Stated Clerk.

Apr. 15, 1947.

Report of National Missions Comm.

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Respectfully submitted
June J. Swanson
Secretary chairman

Dear Dr. Jackson,
Your list of recommendations is included
in the M.M. report & adopted by Presbytery
June J. Swanson

OCT 2 1950

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ALASKA, GREETINGS:

In accordance with the action of the Corporation of the Presbytery of Alaska, in session at Juneau, Alaska, on April 24, 1950, I, Willis R. Booth, a member of said Corporation of Alaska, propose the following amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of The Corporation of the Presbytery of Alaska and to the By-laws of said Corporation of the Presbytery of Alaska:

"WHEREAS, it has been deemed necessary to make certain changes in the Articles of Incorporation of the Presbytery of Alaska, and these changes have been heretofore discussed among the members, and ten days' notice has been given the members of the proposed change,

"NOW THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that Article V of the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation be amended to read as follows:

"V. This corporation is not a joint stock company and shall not have any capital stock; but the members of the corporation shall consist of those ministers and ruling elders who are members of the Presbytery of Alaska, in accordance with the Form of Government of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., and their membership in this corporation shall continue during the period in which they are members of the Presbytery of Alaska; and any person who is or hereafter becomes a member of the Presbytery of Alaska, as aforesaid, shall thereupon be and become a member of this corporation during the aforesaid period; provided, however, that no person shall be or become a member hereof until he shall have signed the By-laws.'

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Article VII of the Articles of Incorporation be amended to read as follows:

"VII. The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of Trustees, consisting of five of its members, three of whom shall be the same men who constitute the National Missions Committee for the Presbytery of Alaska, and the other two shall be elected by the members of this Corporation from the members of the Presbytery of Alaska, and all five of whom shall be members hereof. The Trustees shall be elected and their terms of office shall be as follows: The election shall be at the next annual Spring Meeting of the Presbytery of Alaska, which is the regular annual meeting of this corporation, and at that meeting two of the Trustees shall be elected for a term of one year, two shall be elected for a term of two years, and one for a term of three years, and until their successors are elected and qualified; and at each annual spring meeting of the corporation elections shall be held to fill the vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of those members whose terms shall expire then. The Board of Trustees shall elect from its members a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer, and these shall serve for a term of one year. The duties of the President, the Vice-President, and the Secretary-Treasurer of this corporation shall be such as are prescribed by the Board of Trustees.'

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the amended Articles shall be executed and acknowledged by the President and Secretary of the Corporation, and filed and recorded in the same place and manner as the original Articles."

BY-LAWS.

"RESOLVED, That Article II of the By-laws of the Corporation, duly adopted on April 28, 1928, be amended to read as follows:

"Article II. TRUSTEES. The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of Trustees, consisting of five of its members, three of whom shall be the same men who constitute the National Missions Committee for the Presbytery of Alaska, and the other two shall be elected by the members of this corporation from the members of the Presbytery of Alaska, and all five of whom shall be members hereof. The Trustees shall be elected and their terms of office shall be as follows: The election shall be at the next annual spring meeting of the Presbytery of Alaska, which is the regular annual meeting of this corporation, and at that meeting two of the Trustees shall be elected for a term of one year, two shall be elected for a term of two years, and one for a term of three years, and until their successors are elected and qualified; and at each annual spring meeting of the corporation elections shall be held to fill the vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of those members whose terms shall expire then. The Board of Trustees shall elect from its members a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer, and these shall serve for a term of one year. The duties of the President, the Vice-President, and the Secretary-Treasurer of the corporation shall be such as are prescribed by the Board of Trustees.'

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Article X of the By-laws be amended to read as follows:

"Article X. MEMBERSHIP. Any person desiring to become a member of the Corporation, who is otherwise qualified, as provided in the Articles of Incorporation and these By-laws, shall become a member upon signing the By-laws."

NOTE: The Law of the Territory of Alaska, under which law, the Corporation of the Presbytery of Alaska is incorporated, requires a two-thirds votes of the members of the Corporation to amend the Articles and/or By-laws.

NOTE: The Corporation of the Presbytery of Alaska, at its meeting in Juneau, Alaska, April 24, 1950 instructed that the amendments be acted on at the Fall meeting of the Corporation to be held in conjunction with the meeting of Presbytery to be held at Sitka, Alaska in October. That date will be October 19, 1950.

Willis R. Booth
Willis R. Booth, President

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE CORPOARTION OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ALASKA

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That we, George J. Beck, O. A. Stillman, and David Waggoner, all being adult persons and bona fide residents of the Territory of Alaska, and desirous of forming a corporation for religious purposes under the provisions of Chapter 12, Alaska Session Laws 1913, and its amendments, do hereby associate and unite ourselves together for the purpose of forming a corporation under the laws of said Territory with the objects and purposes as hereinafter set forth, and for that purpose we hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

I.

The name of the corporation shall be "The Corporation of the Presbytery of Alaska".

II.

The objects and purposes for which this corporation is formed are; For religious purposes and to take, seize, possess, own, and hold property for these purposes, with power to sell, dispose of, hypothecate, and mortgage such property.

III.

The principal place of transacting business of this corporation shall be Juneau, Alaska.

IV.

The existence of this corporation shall commence upon the adoption of these Articles and upon the filing thereof in the offices provided by the laws of the Territory of Alaska, and the said corporation shall thereafter exist and continue for the period of fifty (50) years.

V.

This corporation is not a joint stock company and shall not have any capital stock but the members of this corporation shall consist of those men who are members of the Presbytery of Alaska, in accordance with the Form of Government of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., and their membership in this corporation shall last and extend during that period for which they are members of said Presbytery of Alaska, and any man who is or hereafter becomes a member of the Presbytery of Alaska, as aforesaid, shall thereupon be and become a member of this corporation during said period as afore stated; provided, however that no person shall be or become a member of this corporation until he has first applied in writing to this corporation to become such member and, after the adoption of the By-laws by the members of this corporation, until he shall have signed such By-laws.

VI.

The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which this corporation shall be subject at any time shall be Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) dollars.

VII.

The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of Trustees, consisting of five (5) of its members, three (3) of whom shall be the same men who are and constitute the National Missions Committee for the Presbytery of Alaska during that particular term of office, and the other two (2) of whom shall be elected by the members of this corporation from the members of the Presbytery of Alaska, and all five (5) of whom shall and must be members hereof; the Board of Trustees shall be elected annually at the annual spring meeting of the Presbytery of Alaska, which annual spring meeting is hereby made and designated the regular annual meeting of this corporation; that said Board of Trustees shall elect from its members a President, Vice-president, and Secretary-Treasurer; that said Trustees and Officers shall serve for a term of one year from and after their election and until their successors are elected and qualified; that the duties of the President, Vice-president, and Secretary-Treasurer of this corporation shall be such as are prescribed by the Board of Trustees.

VIII.

The names and post office addresses of the persons who are hereby selected to serve as such Trustees for the first year and until their successors are elected and qualified are; Robert Joseph Diven, Wrangell, Alaska
George J. Beck, Hoonah, Alaska
David Waggoner, Juneau, Alaska
O. A. Stillman, Juneau, Alaska
E. E. Bromley, Haines, Alaska

IX.

The names and places of residence of the persons forming this corporation are; George J. Beck, Hoonah, Alaska
O. A. Stillman, Juneau, Alaska
David Waggoner, Juneau, Alaska

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our respective hands and seals to these Articles of Incorporation, in triplicate, in the City of Juneau, in the Territory of Alaska, this 26th day of April, 1928.

Signed:

George J. Beck (L.S.)
O. A. Stillman (L.S.)
David Waggoner (L.S.)

NOTE: In the Minutes, there follows next the notarization and the account of the meeting at which it was reported that the Articles had been filed.

BY-LAWS OF THE CORPORATION OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ALASKA.

I. Meetings.

1. The Annual Meeting of the Corporation of the Presbytery of Alaska shall be held during the regular annual Spring Meeting of the Presbytery of Alaska, and at the same place.

2. Special meetings may be held upon the call of the President of the Corporation, and attested by the Secretary. Special meetings shall be called by the President of the Corporation upon the written request of the majority of the members of the Corporation.

3. Notice of the Annual Meeting shall be given to the members of the Corporation at least thirty (30) days before said meeting, Notice of Special Meetings shall be given in writing at least ten (10) days before said meeting to each member, and the business to come before the Corporation shall be specified in the call, and no other business shall be transacted.

II. Trustees.

1. The business of the Corporation shall be administered by a Board of Trustees consisting of five (5) members, who shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Corporation, and shall serve for one year, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

The three (3) members of the National Missions Committee of the Presbytery of Alaska shall be members of the Board of Trustees, and the other two (2) shall be members of the Presbytery of Alaska.

2. Any member of the Board of Trustees who shall remove from the bounds of the Presbytery of Alaska, or who shall cease to be a member of said Presbytery of Alaska, terminates his membership on the Board of Trustees by such action.

3. Vacancies on the Board of Trustees shall be filled by the Board, the Trustee to serve until the next Annual Meeting.

III. Powers and Authority of the Board of Trustees.

1. The Board of Trustees shall have power and authority to manage the affairs of the Corporation, and its property.

2. To receive and expend monies, receive and sell property, either real or personal, and gifts by individuals for special work within the Presbytery of Alaska.

3. No indebtedness other than that connected with the securing of building loans or grants from the Board of National Missions, shall be contracted without the instructions, or consent of the Presbytery of Alaska regularly given.

IV. Compensation.

The Trustees shall receive no compensation for their services, unless specially ordered by the Presbytery of Alaska.

V. Rules Governing.

All business and proceedings of the Corporation and Board of Trustees shall be conducted in accordance with the "Rules for Judicatories of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.", or where these rules do not apply the Roberts Rules of Order shall govern.

VI. Quorum.

A majority of the members of the Corporation, and of the Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum in each body for the transaction of business; provided that "the quorum of the Corporation, the proxies of absentees may be counted when at least three ministers of the Presbytery of Alaska (Presbytery's Quorum) are present.

VII. Elections.

All elections shall be conducted by written ballot at the annual meeting.

VIII. Duties of Officers.

1. The President shall be the administrative head of the Corporation; shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees, and the Corporation; and shall execute in behalf of the Corporation all instruments made by it.
2. The Vice-president shall act in the absence or inability of the President.
3. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the records, and the seal of the Corporation; keep the minutes of all meetings; send out notices of all meetings. Shall keep monies of the Corporation in such bank as the Board of Trustees shall direct; upon which funds he shall draw as Secretary-Treasurer upon instructions of the Board of Trustees.
4. All officers shall render an annual report, and such other reports as shall be required by the Board of Trustees; and in the performance of their duties shall be subject to the orders of the Board of Trustees.

IX. Amendments.

These By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Corporation, at any meeting, provided that at least ten (10) days notice of the proposed amendment be given in writing to each member of the Corporation.

X. Membership.

Any person desiring to become a member of the Corporation must make application in writing and sign those By-laws before he can become a member.

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ARTICLE 1

Sec. 36-4-1. Colleges, churches, libraries, social, etc., associations; Articles of Incorporation. Three or more adult persons, bona fide residents of the Territory, desirous of forming a corporation for a college, seminary, church, library, or any other benevolent, fraternal, social, religious, educational, charitable or scientific association, trades union or other labor organizations, commercial clubs or associations of business men, whose chief business shall be in the Territory, shall make and subscribe written articles of Incorporation in triplicate and acknowledge the same before any officer authorized to take the acknowledgment of deeds, and file one of said articles in the office of the Auditor and another in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the Judicial Division in which the principal place of business of the company is intended to be located, and retain the third in the possession of the corporation. Provided, that no corporation organized for distribution of profits to any class of members or shareholders shall be permitted to become incorporated under this Section, in which connection the words "distribution of profits" shall be considered as including profits that might accrue to members because of decreased cost to them of commodities handled by the corporation, and no corporation organized hereunder may grant any concession for handling of goods or services involving a profit to the concessionaire over and above reasonable compensation for services rendered, on penalty of having its charter revoked in an appropriate action. (1-31-47)

Sec. 36-4-2. Contents of articles of incorporation. Such Articles shall contain and state:

- First. The name of the corporation
- Second. The objects and purposes for which the corporation is formed.
- Third. The principal place of transacting the business of the corporation.
- Fourth. The time of commencement and the period of the continuance of said corporation, which shall not exceed fifty years.
- Fifth. The terms of admission to membership. (2-31-47)
- Sixth. The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which the corporation shall at any time be subject.
- Seventh. By what officers the affairs of the corporation shall be managed, and when such officers are to be elected.
- Eighth. Said articles of incorporation may be amended at any regular meeting of the corporation by a vote of two-thirds of the members comprising the corporation. Such amended articles shall be executed and acknowledged by the officers in whom the management of the affairs of the corporation is vested, and shall be filed and recorded in the same place and manner as the original articles.

Sec. 36-4-3. Certified copy of articles as evidence. That a copy of any articles of incorporation filed pursuant to this article, and certified by the Clerk of the District Court in which the same is filed, or one of his deputies, or by the Auditor of the Territory shall be received as prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated.

Sec. 36-4-4. Members: Classification: Voting rights: Validation of existing corporation. Corporations organized under this Act may in their articles of incorporation, classify their members according to their respective periodical contributions of fees or dues, or otherwise, and prescribe their respective voting rights and/or eligibility to hold office in the organization. All corporations heretofore organized under Section 971, Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1933, as originally enacted or amended are hereby validated and confirmed and the provisions hereof are hereby extended to them.

Sec. 36-4-5. By-laws: Adoption: Form and contents. Before transacting any business or acquiring any property the persons constituting the membership of the corporation must meet and adopt by-laws. The vote of a majority of all the members in good standing of the corporation shall be necessary to the adoption of such by-laws and when adopted the same must be written in a book kept by the corporation, to be duly signed by all persons thereafter becoming members of said association so incorporated under this article. The corporation may by its by-laws provide for the time, place and manner of calling and conducting its meetings the number of trustees, the time of their election, their term of office, the mode and manner of their removal, the mode and manner of filling vacancies on the board caused by death, resignation, removal or otherwise, the power and authority of the trustees, the compensation of the trustees or of any officer, the mode and manner of conducting business, the mode and manner of conducting elections, the qualifications for membership, the manner in which membership shall cease, the mode and manner of expulsion of a member, the termination of a member's interest in the corporate property upon the cessation of his membership, and whether he shall be renumerated thereof, and, if so, in what manner, the amount of membership fee, and the dues or other charges which each member may be required to pay, if any, the charges which may be made for services rendered or supplies furnished the members of the corporation by it, the manner of collection or enforcement of membership fees, dues or charges, and the method of forfeiting the membership interest for non-payment, the method, time and manner of permitting the withdrawal of a member, if at all, and how such withdrawing member's interest may be ascertained and payments made therefor, if the corporation decide he should be reimbursed therefor, the formation of a surplus fund and the manner and proportion in which such surplus fund shall be distributed, either upon the order of the corporation or upon its dissolution and generally all such other matters as may be proper to carry out the purposes for which the corporation was formed.

Sec. 36-4-6. Corporate existence, name and powers. Upon the filing of the articles of incorporation as herein provided the persons who have executed and acknowledged the same and their successors shall be a body corporate and politic in fact and in law under the name stated in the articles of incorporation, and by such corporate name shall have succession for the period limited in this article, and in such name may sue and be sued in any court, may make and use a common seal and alter the same at pleasure, may receive gifts and devices, may purchase, hold and convey real and personal property, as the purposes of the corporation may require, may sell and forfeit the interests of members of the corporation for default with respect to any lawful contracts and incur obligations essential to the transaction of its affairs for the purpose for which it was formed, may borrow money and issue notes, bills or evidence of indebtedness, and may mortgage its property to secure the same, as its by-laws may provide, and generally may do all things necessary or proper to carry out the purposes of its creation.

ARTICLE 2

RELIGIOUS CORPORATIONS SOLE

Sec. 36-4-11. Purposes for which authorized. Corporations may be formed for acquiring, holding or disposing of church or religious society property, for the benefit of religion, for works of charity and education, and for public worship in the manner hereinafter provided

Sec. 36-4-12. Articles of incorporation: Who may make and subscribe: Filing. Any person being the archbishop, bishop, president, trustee in trust, president of stake, president of congregation, overseer, presiding elder, or clergyman, of any church or religious society, who shall have been duly chosen, elected or appointed, in

conformity with the constitution, canons, rites, regulations, or discipline of said church or religious society, and in whom shall be vested the legal title to the property of such church or religious society, may make and subscribe written articles of incorporation in triplicate, acknowledge the same before some officer authorized to take acknowledgments and file one of such articles in the office of the Auditor of the Territory of Alaska, and in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the Judicial Division in which the principal place of business of the corporation is intended to be located, and the third shall be retained by the corporation, and each copy so filed shall be recorded by the officer with whom filed in a book to be kept by him for that purpose.

Sec. 36-4-13. Contents. The articles of incorporation shall specify:

- (1) The name of the corporation, by which it shall be known.
- (2) The object of said corporation.
- (3) The estimated value of its property at the time of making the articles of incorporation.
- (4) The title of the person making such articles.

Sec. 36-4-14. Amendment of articles and change of seal. Any corporation so formed shall have power from time to time to alter or amend its articles of incorporation and change its seal, such amendment and change of seal shall be made by the corporation sole and executed by the same person who executed the original articles of incorporation, or by his successor in office, and shall be filed and recorded in the same office and in the same manner as is provided for filing the original articles.

Sec. 36-4-15. Corporate Existence and powers. Upon making and filing for record articles of incorporation as herein provided, the person subscribing the same and his successor in office by the name or title specified in the articles shall hereafter be deemed, and is hereby created, a body politic and a corporation sole, with continual perpetual succession, and shall have power to acquire and possess by donation, gift, bequest, devise or purchase, and to hold and maintain property, real, personal and mixed, and to grant, sell, convey or otherwise dispose of the same as may be necessary to carry on or promote the objects of the corporation, but not for the purpose of obtaining any revenue or profits from such property; and shall have authority to borrow money and to give written obligations therefor, and to secure the payment thereof by mortgages or other lien upon real or personal property, when necessary to promote said objects.

Sec. 36-4-16. Power to contract, sue, etc., and to have seal. Such corporation shall have the power to contract and be contracted with, to sue and be sued, plead and be pleaded in all courts of justice, and to have and use a common seal by which all deeds and acts of such corporation may be authenticated.

Sec. 36-4-17. Execution of instruments: Sealing instruments: Filing impression of seal. All deeds and other instruments of writing shall be made in the name of the corporation and signed by the person representing the corporation in the official capacity designated in the articles of incorporation, and be sealed with the seal of the corporation, an impression of which seal shall be filed in the office of the Auditor of the Territory of Alaska.

Sec. 36-4-20. Upon death, resignation or removal of person not incorporated. In case of the death or removal of any such archbishop, bishop, president, trustee in trust, presnt of stake, president of congregation, overseer, presiding elder, or clergyman, who at the time of his death, resignation or removal, was holding the title to trust

property for the use or benefit of any church or religious society and not incorporated as a corporation sole, the title to any and all such property held by him, of every nature and kind, shall not revert to the donor, nor rest in the heirs of such deceased person, but shall be deemed to be in abeyance, after such death, resignation, or removal, until his successor is duly appointed to fill such vacancy, and upon the appointment of such successor the title of all the property held by his predecessor shall at once without any other act or deed rest in the person appointed to fill such vacancy.

Sec. 36-6-4. Incorporation and filing fees of non-profit associations. Every corporation incorporated under the provisions of Chapter 12 of the Alaska Session Laws of 1913 entitled, "An Act to provide for the Incorporation of colleges; seminaries, churches, libraries and other benevolent, fraternal, social, religious, educational, charitable or scientific associations, whose chief business shall be in the Territory of Alaska," and every foreign corporation organized under the laws of the United States, or the laws of any State or Territory of the United States, other than the Territory of Alaska, or under the laws of any foreign country, for the same purposes for which domestic corporations are organized under Chapter 12, Alaska Session Laws 1913 which shall engage in or do business in the Territory of Alaska, shall pay to the Auditor of Alaska for the use of the Territory the following fees:

- (a) Filing articles of incorporation, \$5.00
- (b) Filing amended articles of incorporation, \$2.50

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Alaska Presbytery, April 1951.

PRESEBTERY OF ALASKA, STATED MEETING, APRIL 5th 8:00 P.M. through April 10, 1951
KLAWOCK, ALASKA, KLAWOCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HOST PASTOR, B. ROSS CLEELAND
Thursday, April 5th 8:00 P. M. Sermon by the Moderator, The Rev. Mr. P. H. Prouty
The Constituting Prayer, The Rev. Mr. Elwood B. Hunter, Vice-Moderator, Sitka
Roll Call; presentation of docket, revision. Walter A. Soboleff, Stated Clerk
Appointment- Standing Committees: Hills & Overtures; Mileage; Sessional records;
Nominations; Resolutions.

Announcements, B. Ross Cleland, host pastor. The Benediction

FRIDAY, April 6th

9:00 A. M. Devotional- Lay Preacher, Samuel G. Johnson, Angoon.
9:15 A. M. Roll Call. Prayer. Election of clerks, publicity committee.
Reception- corresponding members- dismission of members to other Presbyteries-
Examination and reception of new members.

10:00 A. M. Committee meetings.

11:15 A. M. Bible Study. The Rev. Mr. Paul F. Evans, Wrangell

12 Noon- Dismiss.

2:00 P. M. Forum led by The Rev. Mr. R. R. Armstrong, Field Representative

3:15 P. M. Recess

3:30 P. M. Committee meetings.

8:00 P. M. Guest speaker, Moderator of the 162nd General Assembly of the Presbyterian
Church, U. S. A. Dr. Hugh Ivan Evans.

SATURDAY, April 7th

9:00 A. M. Devotional- Lay Preacher, Andrew J. Wanamaker, Klukwan

9:15 A. M. Forum The Rev. Mr. R. R. Armstrong, Field Representative

10:00 A.M. Roll call.. prayer.. committee reports: Pensions, Foreign Missions,
National Missions, Princeton-Hall, Cyrus E. Peck.

11:15 A.M. Bible Study... The Rev. Mr. George R. Betts, Hoonah.

12 Noon... Dismiss.

2:00 P. M. Committee reports: Necrology by the Rev. Mr. George R. Betts, prayer
Hymn, For all the saints who from their labors rest.
Bills and Overtures ; Mileage; National Missions- recommendations and
appointments.

5:30 P.M. Dismiss.

8:00 P.M. Klawock Presbyterian Church Choir. Pictures of youth work in conference s.s.

SUNDAY, April 8th

~~Dedication new church Hydaburg, Alaska by J. Earl Jackman~~
11:00 A. M. Divine Worship. ~~Guest speaker, The Rev. Mr. Randolph McCluggage, Auk Bay~~
The Sacrament of Communion. Willis Booth.

8:00 P. M. Divine Worship. Guest speaker, Dr. J. Earl Jackman, Secretary, Sunday
School Missions and Alaska. ~~Rededication church at Craig.~~

MONDAY, April 9th

9:00 A. M. Devotional.. Lay Preacher, Andrew Gamble, Kake

9:15 A. M. Roll call.. prayer.. reading of minutes. Committee reports:
National Missions, continued
Christian Education.
United Promotions; Sessional Records; Nominations,

12 Noon.. Dismiss.

2:00 P. M. Roll call.. prayer.. Forum led by The Rev. Mr. R. R. Armstrong,
subject, THE RULING ELDER

3:15 P. M. Recess

3:30 P. M. Committee reports.. continued

5:30 P. M. Dismiss

8:00 P. M. Meeting in charge of the Presbyterial

TUESDAY, April 10th

9:00 P. M. Devotional.. Lay Preacher, Cyrus E. Peck

9:15 A. M. Roll call ... prayer
Unfinished business reorts
Election of Moderator
Next place of meeting... resolutions.. adjournment.

The Presbytery of Alaska

Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church
in the United States of America

POST OFFICE BOX 2838
JUNEAU, ALASKA

March 23, 1951

To members of Presbytery and Presbyterial:

Your committee on arrangements has voted to comply
Did not
ask this with a recent request of Dr. J. Earl Jackman- that in order to
give our Moderator of the General Assembly, Dr. Hugh Ivan Evans,
more time in his official visitation to Alaska, that our
Presbyterial- Presbytery dates be changed to April 5th
8:00 P. M. through April 10th.

Your cooperation in this new schedule will be
appreciated.

In His Service,

Walter A. Soboleff
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JUNEAU, ALASKA

Stated Meeting, April 22-27 incl. 1952, First Presbyterian Church,
Wrangell, Alaska, Host Pastor, The Rev. Mr. Paul F. Evans.

TUESDAY, April 22nd 8:00 P.M. Sermon by the Moderator, Layworker Andrew J. Wanamaker,
Constituting Prayer, The Rev. Mr. Paul H. Prouty
Roll Call; presentation of Docket; appointment of
committees: Bills and Overtures; Mileage; Nominations;
Resolutions; Necrology; Publicity.
Announcements: Paul F. Evans. The Benediction.

WEDNESDAY, April 23rd

9:00 A. M. Devotional, Elder E. R. Sharnbroich, Wrangell.
9:15 A. M. Roll call. Prayer. Election of clerks. Reception: Corresponding members;
receiving of new members.
Report of Commissioners to General Assembly: The Rev. Mr. Willis R. Booth;
Elder Thomas Morgan; Delegate to Synod, The Rev. Mr. George R. Betts.
10:15 A.M. Committee meetings.
11:15 A.M. Bible Study, Dr. George Sweazey, National Missions Division of Evangelism.
12 Noon- Recess.
2:00 P. M. Forum, "TRUSTEES" The Rev. Mr. R. R. Armstrong, Field Representative.
3:00 P. M. Recess
3:15 P. M. Committee meetings.
8:00 P. M. Guest speaker, Dr. George Sweazey.

THURSDAY, April 24th

9:00 A. M. Devotional, Elder- Klukwan.
9:15 A. M. Roll call. Prayer.
Board of National Missions- Field Director, W. L. Yaw.
10:15 A.M. Committee meetings.
11:30 A.M. Bible Study, Dr. George Sweazey.
12 Noon- Recess.
2:00 P. M. Necrology by The Rev. Mr. George R. Betts. Prayer; Hymn, "For all the
saints who from their labors rest" (1st tune) # 429 Prayer.
2:20 P. M. Recess
2:30 P. M. Committee reports: Bills and Overtures
Mileage
National Missions
Pensions
Foreign Missions.
Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

5:00 P. M. Recess

7:30 P. M. Special Service celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Home Missions
Theme: THIS NATION UNDER GOD

"Education and Health Under God"	R. R. Arms
"Sunday School Missions Under God"	R. E. McClugage
"The Negro Under God"	Elmer Parker
"Rural America Under God"	Clayton Shotwell
"City and Industry Under God"	Paul F. Evans
"The Indian Under God"	Donald Schwab
"Alaska Under God"	Willis R. Booth
"West Indies Under God"	J. Earl Jackman

FRIDAY, April 25th

9:00 A. M. Devotional- Elder- Hoonah.
9:15 A. M. Roll call..prayer..minutes..Committee reports continued:
Christian Education United Promotion
Sessional Records Nominations
Election:of Commissioners to General Assembly and Delegate to Synod;
 Stated Clerk.
11:15 A.M. EVANGELISM..... Dr. George Sweazey.
12 Noon Recess.
1:30 P. M. Group picture; Presbytery and Presbyterial.
2:00 P. M. Roll call..prayer..committee reports continued:
 National Missions, M/V Princeton-Hall, General
 Missionary, Cyrus E. Peck.
 Christian Education Judicial Affairs
 Ministerial Relations
3:00 P. M. Recess
3:15 P. M. Dr. J. Earl Jackman,National Missions Staff-Division of
 Missionary Operation,Sunday School Missions & Alaska.
4:15 P. M. Recess.
8:00 P. M. Meeting led by Presbyterial.

SATURDAY, April 26th

9:00 A. M. Devotional, Edward Davison, Craig.
9:15 A. M. Roll call..prayer.. minutes. Committee reports continued
 Election of moderator and appointment of vice-moderator.
 Next place of meeting.
 Resolutions.
11:00 A. M. EVANGELISM, Dr. George Sweazey.
12:00 Noon Recess.
2:00 P. M. Committee reports and other unfinshed business.Adjournment.
8:00 P. M. Program by Committee on Christian Education.

SUNDAY, April 27th

11:00 A. M. Divine Worship. Guest speaker, Dr. George Sweazey.
 Adminstration of Lord's Supper
 The Bread- The Rev. Mr. A. H. Severson
 The Cup - The Rev. Mr. Clayton Shotwell
3:00 P. M. Sacred Concert, First Presbyterian Church, Wrangell.
8:00 P. M. Divine Worship. Guest speaker, Dr. J. Earl Jackman.

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NATIONAL MISSIONS REPORT

Wrangell, Alaska

April 24, 1952

The committee on the Board of National Missions of the Presbytery of Alaska, Synod of Washington makes the following recommendations:

1. The committee recommends that the presbytery concur with the board in the appointment of Ronald Snelling as missionary-pastor of the Petersburg church to take effect as of June 1, 1952.
2. The committee recommends that presbytery request the board to authorize a financial campaign for funds to replace the Princeton-Hall with a boat of comparable size built in the states as soon as possible.
3. The committee recommends to presbytery that churches in need of visual-aid equipment—hymnbooks, and other supplies will have the session send their plan and request to Dr. Jackman's office.
4. The committee recommends to presbytery that although we realize the importance of inter-church cooperation, we need to develop our own church program and therefore recommend that the presbytery urge all sessions to be consulted about union services and projects of joint endeavor and further recommend that each session be notified by the chairman as to the purpose of this resolution. It is also recommended that the villages be urged to use the same Presbyterian material whenever possible.
5. We also recommend to presbytery that the committee on Christian Education transmit in the form of a pastoral letter to every congregation with a statement written in full, that we re-affirm the action of the presbytery meeting of 1951 against the liquor traffic and for the cause of righteousness in every community.
6. The committee recommends to presbytery that they urge all churches to assume as large a part as possible in the financial support of their layworkers or missionary-pastors thus making it possible for available funds to be used for additional service.
7. The committee recommends to the board that they make a plan to extend the building in Angoon and that a twelve month ministry be at Angoon and Hood Bay. We recommend that if Sam Johnson goes fishing, Andrew Wannamaker take his position for three months at Angoon and Hood Bay and that a recommendation be made to seek funds for a chapel at Hood Bay.

8. The committee recommends to presbytery that the request of the Auk Bay church to have the deed of their property transferred from the Board of National Missions to the church be recommended favorably to the board and that the church be granted permission to mortgage their property to the extent of the investment of the board in it.
9. The committee recommends to presbytery that a tract of land of reasonable size for church and manse purposes be reserved from the property in Kake which is owned by the Board of National Missions and that the balance of the present property be divided into lots and made available for purchase by those desiring them.
10. The committee recommends to presbytery that the Sitka church be authorized to mortgage the property at the new location to the extent of \$25,000.00 in order to construct their new church.
11. The committee recommends that the request of the Juneau Memorial Church to the board for \$1500.00 to complete the second floor of the christian education part of their building be granted.
12. The committee recommends that the presbytery concur with the Board of National Missions of the appointment of Henry D. Hartman as the missionary-pastor of the Haines church.
13. The committee recommends that presbytery concur with the transfer of The Rev. Carl Demott as missionary-pastor to the Skagway church from the Petersburg church.
14. The committee of National Missions announces the resignation of Miss Nancy McFarlane as Director of Christian Education of the Sitka church to be effective during the summer of 1952. We recommend that the resolution committee include within the report a word of commendation.
15. The committee recommends to presbytery that they concur with the Board of National Missions in the appointment of Miss Eleanor Ruppert as Director of Christian Education of the Sitka church during the summer of 1952.

Be it further resolved that all these recommendations be acted on in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Ruppert to Sitka as D.C.E.
A. Krome / Harry Peterson at Metlakatla,

Fall Meeting

PRESBYTERY OF ALASKA

October 15-19, 1952

Sitka, Alaska

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1952

The Presbytery of Alaska opened its Fall Meeting of Presbytery with a worship service in the First Presbyterian Church of Sitka. The Reverend Elwood B. Hunter, host pastor and moderator of the presbytery delivered the sermon. A mixed choir of 45 voices from Sheldon Jackson Junior College supplied the special music.

Following the evening worship service, presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Reverend A. Harry Severson of Metlakatla. The Stated Clerk then read the roll call, with the following responding:-

Ministers Present:- All. Absent:- None. Layworkers Absent:- A. Gamble, Kake; S. Johnson, Angoon; E.F. Davison, Craig (Excused). Elders Present:- Peter Nathan, Hydaburg; Ralph Young, Sitka; Richard Hubbard, Skagway; Andrew Wanamaker, Klukwan. Elders Absent:- Angoon, Criag, Haines, Hoonah, Juneau Memorial, Juneau Northern Light, Kake, Kasaan, Ketchikan, Klawock, Metlakatla, Petersburg, Wrangell, and Chapel by the Lake - Auke Bay. Board Representative:- Rev. R.R. Armstrong.

Moderator Hunter appointed Rev. Elmer Parker as Vice-Moderator, Rev. Clayton Shotwell as Permanent Clerk, and Rev. Carl DeMott as Temporary Clerk.

It was moved by Presbytery that the following be seated as Corresponding Members of Presbytery:- Rev. R.R. Armstrong, Yukon Presbytery; Rev. John Grissett, Presbytery of Lexington (U.S.); Henry Hartman, Presbytery of Philadelphia; and Rev. Ronald Snelling, Presbytery of Walla Walla.

A motion was made and passed that Miss Eleanor Ruppert, D.R.E. of the Sitka Church, to sit with us and be given the privilege of the floor.

The Stated Clerk presented the Docket, which was received with the following correction, "That the 'Reception of Ministers from other Presbyteries' be changed from the period of 9:15 A.M. Friday, to follow 'Introduction of New Members of Presbytery' at 9:15 A.M. Thursday".

Presbytery moved that Rev. Henry Hartman be received pending receipt of his letter of dismissal from the Presbytery of Philadelphia. It was also moved that Rev. Ronald Snelling be received pending receipt of his letter from the Presbytery of Walla Walla.

It was moved that Presbytery recess to convene at 9:00 A.M. Thursday, October 16th, for Morning Devotions led by Rev. Dr. Walter Soboleff of Juneau Memorial Church. Closing prayer was given by Rev. Willis R. Booth, Juneau Northern Light Church.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1952

Presbytery convened at 9:00 A.M. and we were led in our Morning Devotions by Rev. Dr. Walter Soboleff, Juneau Memorial Church.

Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, who asked Rev. Clayton Shotwell to invoke God's blessing on our deliberations.

Presbytery responded to Roll Call as follows:- (See above)

The Stated Clerk reported on Correspondence Received. Letters were read as follows:- (1) From Higham, Nielson, Whitridge and Reid, Inc. Insurance, stating that the money for Jr. Hi Camp Insurance was returned since they had no record of our policy. (2) Letter in reference to Rev. James Mulholland by the Chairman of National Missions Committee of the Synod of New York. (3) Letter from J.B. Burford, Juneau, stating the four drawer file was ordered and on its way. (4) Letter from Metlakatla with papers to be signed by the Stated Clerk in reference to their building program. (5) A letter from Rev. R.R. Armstrong concerning a way for Arthur Johnson and Rev. Elmer Parker to get from the west coast to Ketchikan in order to meet the Princeton-Hall for presbytery. (6) Letter of introduction for the Rev. J. Grissett from the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Lexington. (7) Letters of excuse were not read but referred to the committee on Leave of Absence.

It was moved by Presbytery that the cost of air transportation for Arthur Johnson and Rev. Elmer Parker be referred to the Committee on Mileage.

The Moderator appointed the following temporary committees:-

Mileage:- P.F. Evans, L. Doig, C. Peck.

Resolutions:- W.A. Soboleff, A. Johnson, G. Betts.

Bills & Overtrures:- W.R. Booth, R. Hubbard, R.H. McCluggage.

Leave of Absence:- Stated Clerk, Permanent Clerk, A.P. Severson.

Presbytery was recessed until 1:30.

1:30 P.M., THURSDAY, OCT. 15

Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 P.M. when Moderator called on Rev. George Betts to offer the invocation.

Following the Roll Call, which was the same as the morning response, Rev. Murlin Day was enrolled as a corresponding member of presbytery. Mr. Day is the Chaplain at Mt. Edgecombe Vocational School in Sitka, and is a member of the Northern New York Conference of the Methodist Church.

The Treasuror's Report was read and approved. The report showed a balance of \$396.70, which is as follows:- \$234.70 in the General Account, and \$162.00 in the Special Account (Liquor Eight Fund).

The Treasurer also reported on the Liquor Fight Fund, which was inaugurated at the Spring Meeting of Presbytery in Wrangell (See Page 474-475). The amount received to date was \$162.00. The treasurer suggested that the disposal of such funds should be referred to the Christian Education's Committee on Social Education and Action. Such a suggestion was moved and passed, to be reported on at this meeting of Presbytery.

The matter of Per-Captia Tax was voted to be referred to the Committee on Stewardship and Promotion.

It was voted by Presbytery that the Stated Clerk be instructed to obtain an official seal for Presbytery's use on official business. It was pointed out that the present seal is a "Corporation Seal", and as such is only to be used on actions of the Corporation.

The report on the Committee of Stewardship and Promotion was given by Walter Soboloff as follows:-

"Since we are a part of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., it becomes our Christian duty to enter fully into the whole program of the church. First we preach Christ; believe in Him, let Him set our life in order; He is Lord and Saviour. The Church center is Christ and Him only, and from this in human life there springs forth a fine idea of stewardship. Stewardship is not first, Christ is first. Let us not place the bulb before the electricity, the sitting room before the home foundation, stewardship before the "born again experience".

"We have at least 17 churches in Alaska Presbytery, and as of 1951 the total amount contributed was \$4,939.00 - if we all may count 17 churches sharing, the average would be \$290.00 per church for the above figure. Statistics do not reveal all of our churches doing their least part in giving as such. To date the United Stewardship Committee for this presbytery no written indication has come forth that active giving is in order.

I. Self Allocation 1953 Budget.

a. Basic Principles.

1. Each church sets its own share exclusive of the women's budget.
2. Benevolence cause budget should equal your current expense budget.
3. The honor goal for a church is a benevolence share equal to 50% of the amount received for current expenses.

II. Benevolence statistics of giving as of:-

	1949	1950	1951
Membership.....	1821.....	1114.....	1883
Benevolence.....	\$5,519.00.....	\$4,872.00.....	\$4,939.00
Per-Capita.....	\$3.03.....	\$4.37.....	\$2.62

III. Recommendations:-

- a. The self-allocation plan be continued for 1953.
- b. That if by the middle of the year a church has not responded properly, the Presbytery, through its committee on Stewardship and Promotion, arrive with the assistance from said church, at an amount deemed fitting and proper.
- c. That churches not yet honor churches be asked to reach the honor goal in five years, or to advance each year by an amount equal to not less than 5% increase in the ratio between General Assembly approved benevolences and contingent receipts.
- d. That the officers of the local church sit with the Pastor periodically in a study of God's Word and a personal dedication to the Lord be in evidence - furthermore that a study be made of "General Assembly Edition" (Everyone) Vol. 37, No. 4, June 17, 1952, and suggestions thereto be sought for the local church program in stewardship and promotion. Remember JESUS CHRIST is first, not Money!!
- e. A few of the churches in Alaska Presbytery have a canvas director. To those not having such, encourage your trustees to assume this responsibility.
- f. Use all films as available through Rev. Armstrong's office, on Stewardship and Promotion, and request any aid from his office.
- g. That on Nov. 9th or the closest Sunday convenient, each church conduct an Every Member Canvas or its equivalent, and in some cases introducing the envelope system.
- h. That "Presbyterian Life" be in each home and paid for by either the family or the church.

Finally, let Jesus Christ be first - the tithe system follows automatically - how blessed will be the church. He will take over from here.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter A. Soboloff Chairman

Presbytery unanimously passed that this report be received, its recommendations adopted, and that a vote of thanks be given the committee for this inspiring report.

The Rev. R.R. Armstrong, Field Representative, gave a brief presentation of the Planned Education Materials.

The Report of the Committee on Pensions was given by Rev. Willis R. Booth as follows:-

"The Committee on Pensions has had given to it a report affecting the members of Presbytery, showing only three cases of delinquencies. Since that report was received, two of these cases have been cleared. The third case was that of Rev. John K. Dodge, who is serving as Chaplain in the U.S. Navy. There is nothing the committee can do about this case.

"It is important that the new men in the Presbytery be properly enrolled in the Service Pension Plan. If these men have not already attended to the matter, through the Board of National Missions, the committee will be glad to confer with them."

Respectfully submitted

Willis R. Booth Chairman

It was moved by Presbytery that this report be received and its recommendation adopted.

A Report on Presbyterian Life and its Every Home Plan was given by Rev. Paul F. Evans. It was moved and passed by Presbytery that Presbyterian life should be included in the report on Stewardship and Promotion. But it was stated that not sufficient promotion was given to our church magazine through the committee on Stewardship and Promotion, hence this report. It was recommended and passed that the Moderator appoint a Chairman of the Every Home Plan of Presbyterian Life, since this was not done by the committee. Presbytery voted that the report be received and its recommendation adopted.

The Report of the National Council's Year of Evangelism was reported on by Rev. R.R. Armstrong. It was moved and passed that Presbytery recommend that each church study this plan and adopt it if at all possible. Report received.

The Rev. R.R. Armstrong then presented various materials available for evangelism in the local church. Turn-over charts, folders, and aids for evangelism were placed on display so that each Pastor, Elder and Layworker might see for themselves what a great thing this would be for their congregations.

It was moved and passed that Presbytery alter its docket and hear Rev. Murlin Day speak to presbytery concerning the work at Mt. Edgecombe School. Following Mr. Day's report, it was moved and passed that Presbytery extend its thanks to Rev. Mr. Day and Miss Eleanor Ruppert, and they be commended for their work.

The Report of the Auditing Committee was given by Rev. Donald Schwab as follows:-

"Your committee met at Haines during the week of the Sr. Hi Conference in June. The book showing receipts and expenditures contained no entries for the past three years. A careful study of the carbons of receipts issued to churches compared with the checks issued and showed no mishandling of any funds whatever. All receipts and expenditures for the past four years showed less than \$20.00 difference, and the difference in Presbytery's favor.

"The Standing Rules of Presbytery require an annual audit of the books, and Presbytery appears remiss in that the past four years show no record of audit or approval.

"Your committee recommends:-

1. That the records be approved.

2. That these books be audited annually in accord with the Standing Rules.
3. That the Treasurer be authorized to pay only bills for normal Presbytery expenses, without presbytery action.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Donald Schwab Chairman
Rev. R.R. Armstrong
Rev. Clayton Shotwell

Presbytery reported that the report be received and its recommendations adopted, as well as giving the committee a vote of thanks for their labor.

Since the time of dismissal has arrived, it was voted by Presbytery to extend the time and finish the business on the docket for the afternoon.

The Report on "The United Fellowship of Protestants" was given by Rev. R.E. McCluggage, and the following are recommendations:-

1. That we present the importance of this work to our congregations for their information and support.
2. That Ministers or Elders write the Chaplain concerned when our young people are in the military.
3. That we remember in prayer the work of the fellowship daily, and just now the work on Alaskan Bases and our own John K. Dodge."

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. R.E. McCluggage Chairman

On a motion of Presbytery the report was received and the recommendations were adopted. Prayer for Chaplain Dodge, a member of this Presbytery, was offered by the Field Representative Rev. R.R. Armstrong.

It was moved and passed by Presbytery that "Rev. Clayton Shotwell be allowed to preach outside the bounds of presbytery, and that if and when he desires to locate in any particular presbytery, that such a letter of transfer be granted by the Stated Clerk." Such a transfer was necessary because of the deafness of one of his children.

Presbytery moved that we recess until 9:00 A.M. Friday morning, when Rev. Ronald Snelling of Petersburg would bring us our morning devotions. Closing prayer was offered by the Moderator.

An evening worship service was held in the First Presbyterian Church at Sitka, with Rev. A. Harry Severson delivering the sermon. A Girls Chorus from Sheldon Jackson Junior College sang an anthem.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1952

Presbytery convened at 9:00 A.M. and was led in Morning Devotions by Rev. Ronald Snelling of Petersburg.

Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator and the Rev. Dr. Walter Soboloff offered prayer. The Vice-Moderator, Rev. Elmer Parker, assumed the chair and called for the full call which was as follows :- (See Wednesday Nite)

The Report of the Sr. Hi Westminster Fellowship Conference was given by Rev. Clayton Shotwell, Conference Director, as follows:-

"The Annual Sr. Hi Conference was held at Rainbow Glacier Camp near Haines from June 12-18. Due to the Synod of Washington Cruise on the S.S. Prince George, our conference was held at a later date than usual. This meant a smaller enrolment, since most of the young people had already taken jobs. Thirty young people attended and there was a fine spirit of cooperation on the part of the conference and the staff.

"The following courses were given:- "How to know and Read the Bible" - Rev. R.E. McCluggage and Rev. Elmer Parker. "Know Your Church" - Mrs. Clayton Shotwell. Opportunities in Church Vocations, Miss Dorothy Callecod, Haines House. "A Christian Understanding of Sex" - Rev. R.R. Armstrong. "National Missions" - Rev. F.S. Dick Wickman, Donaldina Cameron House. Other members of the staff were:- Miss Mabel Downer, Mrs. F.S. Dick Wickman, Mrs R.E. McCluggage, Mrs. Sim, and Rev. D. Schwab."

"The Vesper Speaker was Rev. F.S. Dick Wickman, Director of Donaldina Cameron House in San Francisco. A debt of gratitudo is owed to all who took part in the conference, especially to Rev. Donald Schwab, who did all the running back and forth to town and securing groceries from many sources due to the shipping strike."

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Clayton Shotwell Director

Presbytery moved and passed that the report be received and the director be given a vote of thanks for his splendid work on behalf of our young people.

The Report of the Jr. Hi Westminster Fellowship Conference was given by the conference director, Rev. Paul F. Evans, as follows:-

"We had an overcrowded camp, but a wonderfully beneficial conference. Our conference enrollment this year struck an all time high with 68 youngsters of Jr. Hi age in attendance. These young people represented all but one village in the Presbytery. We are sure that all of these young people were brought to the realization of the conference theme "We Call Him Master", and that they went home with a new found zeal to serve Him better.

"Those who assisted in the presentation of Christ to the conference were as follows:- Devotional Leader and Vesper Speaker, Rev. F.S. Dick Wickman; The class hours were led by Mr. Edw. Davison, "Christian Decisions"; Miss Lillian McCaniel, "The Life of Christ"; and Rev. Elwood Hunter, "Your Christ and Your Church". The Song Leader was Rev. R.R. Armstrong. The Commissions were led by the following:- Faith and Life, Rev. R.R. Armstrong; Outreach, Mrs. F.S. Dick Wickman; Stewardship, Rev. Paul F. Evans; Christian Fellowship, Miss Fern Gabel. Miss Mary Kennedy of Haines House taught Arts and Crafts. Mrs. Sim of Skagway was camp cook, with the following assistants, Georgia B. Price, Sitka; Ida Mac Hunter, Sitka; and Barbara Starnbroich of Wrangell.

"Of those attending the conference, we had 54 first year conference, 13 second year conference, and one third year.

"Every village but one (Klukwan) has been represented in the four years the conference has been in session. In 1949 there were 12 delegates; in 1950, 33; in 1951, 37, and this year an all time high of 68.

"I have the following recommendations to make:-

1. A study by the Camp Committee and the Committee on Christian Education as to whether we ought to have two Jr. Hi. W.F. Conferences, or one with a limited membership being set.
2. That Rev. Donald Schwab, be accorded a vote of thanks by Presbytery for his untiring work on behalf of the camp program, and for his dilligence in securing food, even in the midst of a steamship strike.
3. That my resignation as camp director be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Paul F. Evans, Director

The recommendations were voted on *seriatim*. One - On a motion by Presbytery and passed the matter was referred to the Christian Ed. Committee, which was instructed to report back at the Spring Meeting of Presbytery. Two - This was passed with a rising vote of thanks for the services of Rev. Donald Schwab. Three - It was moved that the resignation of Rev. Paul F. Evans be accepted reluctantly after three years of service, and that the matter of a successor be referred to the Committee on Christian Education. The report was received and its recommendations adopted.

The Rev. R.R. Armstrong, Field Representative made remarks concerning the day of sessions and churches to have their ministers serve at conferences and attend Presbytery meetings, and all matters relevant to their duty to Presbytery. It is to be noted to the churches that such times are not "vacations", but a vital part of the work of Christ and His Church in Alaska. It was moved and passed that this report be received and the word carried back to the churches by the Pastors and Layworkers.

Presbytery moved that the remaining business be carried over until this afternoon session, and that the remaining business be made the order of the day when we convene at 1:30. This session of Presbytery was closed with prayer by Rev. Henry Hartman of Haines.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17th, 1:30 P.M.

Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator and prayer was offered by Elder Ralph Young of Sitka.

The Roll Call was taken and reported the same, with the exception of Layworker Samuel Johnson being present. Layworker Johnson is from Angoon.

The Report of the Actions of General Assembly which were not given to the Standing Committees of Presbytery were read by the Stated Clerk. There were actions taken as follows:-

1. You will note particularly recommendation 10 of the Division of Evangelism on Page 175 of the Minutes of General Assembly" (pp. 3a - Letter of July 28, 1952) This reads as follows:- "That the ministers of our church be scrupulous in observing the constitutional requirement that at least one parent of a child to be baptized be a professing Christian, and that they make use of the evangelistic opportunity in counselling with these parents before the baptism takes place."

2. "You will note also the resolution appearing on page 189 concerning marriage and divorce, and see that the attention of all ministers in the presbytery is drawn to it." It reads as follows:- "When a minister seeks the council of presbytery as to a proposed marriage or re-marriage in keeping with the spirit and teachings of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The decision of Presbytery shall be made a matter of record."

It was voted that the action of General Assembly be carried over to tomorrow when the matter will be brought before us in the Report of Bills and Everturos.

3. "It would be well to call to the attention of Presbytery the action connected with the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, which appears on Page 236 of the Minutes of General Assembly". This report reads:- "The General Assembly referred to the General Council for study and report, a recommendation that the New Revised Standard Version be approved and authorized for public and private use in the church.

It was voted by Presbytery that we concur with the General Assembly in the matter concerning the above.

4. "I also call to your attention the request appearing on page 297 in the Minutes of General Assembly, that the Presbytery should appoint, where they do not have them, Committees on Cooperation and Union."

Such a committee was appointed (See Spring Meeting - Wrangell - Page 480).

It was voted by Presbytery that the report be received and the recommendations adopted.

The Report of the Commissioners of General Assembly was in order. The report of the Minister Commissioner was given by Rev. George Betts. The commissioner was commended for his diligence in his report and of his attendance at the meetings of General Assembly. The report was received. Layworker Andrew Gamble was not present for his report as Elder Commissioner to General Assembly, and it was voted to hear his report at the Spring Meeting of Presbytery.

On a motion which was made and passed, it was voted that the National Missions Report be made the order of the day.

Rev. James Robinson presented Mrs. Chester Latta who told of the Panorama of National Missions which is to be given tonight. She challenged each church to have some kind of celebration observing the 150th Anniversary of National Missions. The remainder of the report will be given later.

Report of Pastors in view candidates under their care. The Pastors made their reports as follows:-

Rev. Elwood Hunter - - - Ralph Weeks - - - Last Year at San Anselmo.

Rev. Elwood Hunter - - - Kenneth Smith - - - First Year at " "

Rev. Elwood Hunter - - - Mark Davis - - - Seminary of other denomination (Portland)

Rev. Paul F. Evans - - - Miss Lillian McDaniel - 1st Year of Study for R.N.

The Stated Clerk brought up the matter of Herbert W. Greig who has been on our rolls, but not heard from in some time. It was moved by Presbytery that this matter be referred to the Ministerial Relations Committee.

The Report of the Committee on Christian Education was given by Rev. Elmer Parker as follows:-

"Your committee is in possession of a telegram received from Rev. W.C. Jamison Stated Clerk of Lexington Presbytery (U.S.) granting transfer of Rev. John Grissett to the Presbytery of Alaska. Action taken October 14, 1952.

"Rev. Grissett has been examined by the committee in theology and other subject relevant to his coming into presbytery, and his answers are found satisfactory. Your committee recommends him to presbytery for questioning, and if there are none to proceed and the Moderator propound the constitutional questions.

Presbytery moved that the examinations given by the committee be accepted and that the Moderator propound the constitutional questions. These answered in the affirmative Rev. John Grissett was given the right hand of fellowship and enrolled in the presbytery. Following the constitutional questions the Moderator offered the prayer of dedication.

"I would present to presbytery Rev. Ronald Snelling, ordained by the Presbytery of Walla Walla at Yakima, who has been called to our Presbyterian Church at Petersburg. We find his letter in order and recommend that following the propounding of the constitutional questions by the Moderator, he be received and enrolled as a member of the presbytery. Rev. Snelling has been serving the Petersburg congregation for the past six months."

On a motion which was passed, Rev. Snelling was received and enrolled by Presbytery following the answering of the constitutional questions in the affirmative. The Moderator offered the prayer of dedication.

As part of the Christian Education Committee, Miss Eleanor Ruppert, D.R.E. of the Sitka Church reported as supervisor of the Vacation Bible School Teams. On a motion by Presbytery she was given a rising vote of thanks for her fine work in our villages with these teams.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Elmer Parker, Chairman

On a motion that was passed by Presbytery, it was voted that the case of Mark Davis, who is attending a seminary of another denomination, be referred to the Committee on Christian Ed. for its further investigation and report.

The Report of the Committee on Health and Insurance was given by the Rev. Dr. Walter Soboleff, as follows:-

"Although material is at hand and more available for careful and prayerful study, your committee realizes the importance of this issue and requests an extension of time to the Spring Meeting of Presbytery, God willing.

"Your Committee reports progress."

Respectfully submitted,

Walter A. Soboleff, Chairman

On a motion Presbytery concurred with the request of the committee for more time.

The Report of the Building Funds Campaign was given by Rev. A. Harry Severson. He stated that there are at present only three churches in the Presbytery subscribed to this plan (Juneau Northern Light, Wrangell, and Metlakatla). Every church was urged to make this a part of their program. One recommendation before presbytery is as follows:- "That Presbytery waive its claim to 40% of the Presbytery's giving to this fund in favor of the Synod of Washington, and that the designation waivers be in triplicate. (One copy for the Presbytery, one for the Synod, and one for the Board of National Missions, to the attention of the New Church Development and Building Aid)."

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. A. Harry Severson, Chairman

It was brought to the attention of the chair that there were churches not having any figure in Column 10, 1950 Minutes of General Assembly. It was voted by Presbytery to take the nearest largest figure for compilation.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the report be received and its recommendation be adopted.

The Report concerning the Chapel-by-the- Lake Radio Program on Radio Station KJNO at Juneau, was given by Rev. R.E. McCluggage. It was suggested that many of our churches in Presbytery might take part in the broadcast. It was also suggested that any Pastor, Elder or Layworker visiting in Juneau might have a recording made for the program.

The Matter of the change in the Standing Rules of Presbytery was voted on and passed. (See Page 485 of Presbytery's Minutes).

It was moved and passed by Presbytery that "whereas there are several Standing Rules of the Presbytery that need to be corrected, and that at least one of these rules is in conflict with the Form of Government, I move that the Moderator appoint a committee to study these rules, and recommend needed changes, and (2) that the Stated Clerk mail a mimeographed copy of these recommendations to each member of Presbytery and the clerk of each vacant church, at least 10 days before the April Stated Meeting, and (3) that Article 7, Section 3 be suspended to allow Presbytery, if these recommended actions are passed by a 2/3 vote to legally adopt the written changes sent out prior to this meeting, at the April stated meeting."

Presbytery voted to recess until tomorrow morning. Following the vote Presbytery was dismissed with prayer by the Moderator.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1952 - A.M.

Presbytery was convened at 9:00 A.M. and was led in Morning Devotions by Rev. Carl DeMott of Skagway.

Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator and Rev. John Grissett constituted Presbytery with Prayer.

The Roll Call was omitted and the Stated Clerk asked to list those present. Same as Roll Call on Page 1).

Presbytery voted to hear the remainder of the Report of the Christian Ed. Committee. Rev. Elmer Parker, Chairman reported as follows:-

"Attention is called to the 1952 edition of Presbyterian Facts, a digest of the report of the three Boards, which will appear in the Oct. 18th issue of Presbyterian Life. This is profitable for Church Study.

"General Assembly has urged the observance of the following occasions:-

1. Christian Education Sunday (Rally Day) Sept. 28, 1952.
2. Christian Education Week, Sept 28-Oct. 5. This week will mark the completion of the R.S.V. of the Bible, the theme being "The Word of Life in Living Language".
3. National Christian College Day, Sunday April 19, 1953
4. Presbyterian Seminary Sunday, Jan. 11, 1953.
5. Dec. 28, 1952, for appropriate recognition of young people who are preparing for Christian Vocations. A special service may be secured from the Dept. of Life Work.
6. Westminster Fellowship Day, Sunday, Jan. 25, 1953. Special program provided by the Department of Young People's Work of the Board of Christian Education.
7. Youth Week, Jan. 25-Feb. 1, 1953.
8. National Family Week, May 3-10, 1953.

Missionary Education. The General Assembly would commend to the church for the coming year the international mission study themes. Africa, Foreign Missions Study, and Home Missions and Human Rights, for the National Missions Study. It is suggested that each church do two things in order to carry out a complete program.

First, Sponsor a series of Church Family Nites on Christian Outreach. Six weekly sessions between January and March 1953, to study the Africa theme, using Guideposts to Missionary Education and the international graded material. Secondly, Use the National theme, Home Missions and Human Rights for study in Church organizations, circles of women's organizations, men's groups, Westminster Fellowships etc.

"It would be fitting for our Missionary Churches to celebrate this anniversary of 50 years of Missionary Education by the Board in some way during the remainder of the year 1953. A packet of materials and a booklet "Ring in the New" will be available to churches.

Stewardship. The Faith and Life Materials, as authorized by the General Assembly of 1947, declares "An educated disciple is a faithful steward." Such an aim clearly implies a strong emphasis on the stewardship of time, talents and material possessions. Use these materials wherever possible.

"Your committee would not forget to mention our Field Director. What a Field Director he is, for he seems to be everywhere present just when needed, giving encouragement when needed, a suggestion here, a thought there, guiding the young, directing the older, ever strewing new enthusiasm and blessing in every place. We are thankful for his gracious presence and untiring work. It is our prayer that God will strengthen him in every way in this great work.

"Also we wish to mention the Deputation Teams and the V.B.S. Instructors who have come to us during the summer. These young people left their work for a time, fortified their vacation time, and came here to enter into a strenuous season of work for our children, visiting the homes, encouraging mothers to send their children, winning the hearts of all. To have outsiders come to us with a living faith and personal interest in the lives of all they meet, often lights the candle of faith in others.

"The Committee would express appreciation for the contributions of both money and service to the total program of Christian Education. With special mention of Dr. J. Earl Jackman and the Department of Work in Alaska.

"Your committee has the following recommendations:-

1. Due to the demands of the work in the fishing industry, wherein many of the people in small villages go out to cannery work about July 1st taking their families with them, it is recommended that the V.B.S. Instructors be placed in as many of these villages as early as possible before the children leave. It is a great disappointment to the children to have to go to camp and miss the V.B.S. privileges the other children enjoy.
2. That the Summer Camp Committee process plans to develop the Rainbow Glacier Camp as rapidly as is convenient. This will be a very important camp in the near future should ALCOA development materialize. It is even now very important, for some of your young people have been touched in heart to be aggressive disciples of Jesus Christ. Who can evaluate even one such disciple.
3. That our churches consider the recommendation of General Assembly to use the now summertime materials entitled "Westminster Vacation School Series", published by the Board of Christian Education, to be available for 1953.
4. Camp Directors to be chosen. Your Committee suggests:- Rev. R.E. McCluggage for Sr. Hi Conference Director and Rev. Henry Partman for the Jr. Hi Conference. In addition it would suggest Mrs. Mayreld Swanson for V.B.S. Supervisor.
5. The Fund for Fighting Liquor. Your committee was asked to direct the use of this fund. As the fund is not quite adequate to pay travel or lawyers fees...The committee recommends that the present funds be used in educational ways as the committee sees fit, and that the Social Education and Action Committee be empowered to use the fund as needed for literature and visual aids. We recommend for the Committee on Social Education and Action....Rev. W.R. Booth, Rev. G. Betts, Daniel Kahkion (Klawock).
6. Your committee also recommends that presbytery elect a successor to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Clayton Shotwell to fill this vacancy when he leaves presbytery.
7. Your committee reports that Ralph Weeks has asked to be ordained in Sitka in June. The committee will recommend details of plans at the Spring Meeting of Presbytery. Requesting time to work out plans with Mr. Weeks.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Elmer Parker, Chairman

Presbytery moved that the report be received and its recommendations adopted.

The Rev. John Grossott was elected by Presbytery to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Clayton Shotwell on the Christian Education Committee, who he leaves the bounds of presbytery.

Miss Eleanor Ruppert was given the privilege of the floor to report on recommendations regarding V.B.S. in Presbytery. Her recommendations are as follows:-

1. The supervisor should be chosen early enough in the year so that he or she will have time to order and receive the curriculum materials, plan the itinerary for the teams, notify pastors of the date of each school, and acquaint pastor with curriculum being used. If possible the materials should be put in the pastor's hands at least a month before the beginning of school. If the itinerary could be set up by the middle of May, the team members could then be sent the itinerary before leaving home. This would give them a feeling of "direction".
2. The supervisor needs to become acquainted with the team members by mail. They need to be advised regarding the need for creative activities, in D.V.B.S. set-up, what materials are available in Alaska, and how they can improvise as far as equipment and materials for these activities are concerned.

3. The larger towns should have leadership without using the time and talents of the team. In this way, more of the smaller areas could be reached, which could not be done if the teams were sent to larger towns such as Juneau and Sitka.

4. Two weeks of schools at two canneries last summer, Excursion Inlet and Tenekeen Bay were especially successful, thought the team who went there on the Princeton-Hall. I would suggest that some setup be made to conduct schools at the canneries during the month of August, if the Princeton-Hall could be used.

5. The minister should be on hand previous to and during the school to advertise its coming, to welcome the team, introduce them to the community, guide them in many ways, as well as to help in teaching the school. When the minister is out of town during this time, a great deal of unnecessary responsibility rests on the team members; besides, the minister misses a valuable experience of learning for himself.

Respectfully submitted

Miss Eleanor Ruppert, Sponsor

Presbytery moved that this report be received and its recommendations adopted, and that a vote of thanks be given Miss Ruppert for her untiring effort in this Vacation Bible School Program.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was given by Rev. Elmer Parker as follows:-

"The committee recommends that each church observe the Day of World-Wide Prayer, and pray for our brethren in prisons and suffering, that Christ might work mightily through them.

"The committee recommends that each church examine their giving to Foreign Missions and try to raise their giving so that Christ might truly become the "Prince of Peace" to many millions."

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Elmer Parker, Chairman

A motion was moved and passed that Presbytery receive the report and adopt its recommendations.

Presbytery then moved to recess until 1:30 P.M. Presbytery was dismissed with prayer by the Moderator.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18th, 1:30 P.M.

Presbytery was convened with prayer by Rev. Clayton Shotwell, following the call to order by the Moderator. The Stated Clerk was asked to take the Roll Call. Having taken roll call previously, he reported that the roll call was the same as the morning attendance, with the exception of Rev. Booth and Rev. Soboloff, who asked to be excused, were present at Presbytery (No Planes flying). Rev. Snelling

The Report of Necrology was given by Rev. George Botts. Those who passed into their reward in heaven was Mrs. Tillie Paul Tamaroo. Mrs. Tamaroo, first interpreter for Dr. S. Hall Young, and first lady elder in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., died August 20, 1952, and was laid to rest in Wrangell, August 23, 1952. She served as Layworker for the Board of National Missions in Wrangell, Kake, Petersburg, Klukwan, and Sitka. A great saint of the Alaskan Church.

A prayer in honor of her memory was given by Rev. Dr. Walter Soboloff.

The Vice-Moderator assumed the chair at the request of the Moderator. The Report of the Milcage Committee was given by Rev. Paul F. Evans. The committee requests the Board of National Missions to underwrite the cost of the Princeton-Hall for this meeting of Presbytery; and assimilate the cost of round trip air transportation from

the west coast for Arthur Johnson and Rev. Elmor Parker, by including this is the cost of those riding the Princeton-Hall and the S.J.S. II."

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Paul F. Evans, Chairman
Cyrus Peck
Lawrence Doig

On a motion which was passed by Presbytery the report was received and the recommendations adopted.

The Report of the Resolutions Committee was as follows:-

"Whereas the guiding hand of the Lord has made our journey possible to the meeting of Presbytery and the Christian Workers Conference, at Sitka, Alaska... and Whereas there are those who made our stay at Sitka an inspiration through Christian hospitality in His name.

We commend those who are responsible for our transportation and reception, namely: the boat captains Cyrus Peck and Larry Doig; the Sheldon Jackson Junior College; Host Pastor and wife, Rev. & Mrs. Elwood Hunter; Dr. J. Earl Jackman.

To the Lord God Almighty we offer praise and gratitude for Divine Guidance, strength, and hope for service in these challenging days."

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Walter Soboleff, Chairman
Rev. George Batts
Arthur Johnson

It was moved by Presbytery that this report be received and a copy spread on the minutes, and a copy be sent to Mr. Rolland Wurster, President of Sheldon Jackson Junior College, Dr. J. Earl Jackman, and Rev. & Mrs. Elwood B. Hunter.

A Report of the Committee on Leave of Absence. was given by Rev. A. Harry Soverson, with the following recommendations:-

1. That members of the Presbytery of Alaska, who are not excused from Presbytery be reprimanded by Presbytery.

2. That Mr. Edward Davison, Craig, and the Rev. John K. Dodge (Chaplain) be excused as requested.

3. Those not excused from this session of Presbytery are:- Samuel Johnson of Angoon, and Andrew Gamble of Kake.

The Report on the Committee of Bills and Overtures was given by Rev. Willis R. Booth as follows:- The following action was taken on the overtures presented, by the Presbytery.

Overture A.....Affirmative
Overture B.....Affirmative
Overture C.....Affirmative
Overture D.....Affirmative
Overture E.....Affirmative

Those Bills and Overtures were taken up seriatim. It was voted by Presbytery that the report be received in total as well as seriatim.

It was moved by Presbytery that the Standing Rules be set aside to permit the election of commissioners to Synod and General Assembly. The Rev. Dr. Walter Soboleff was unanimously elected to be Minister Commissioner to General Assembly, meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1953. Presbytery unanimously moved that Rev. Elwood B. Hunter be the Alternate Minister Commissioner to General Assembly.

Elder Eli Hanlon of Hoonah was elected by Presbytery to be Elder Commissioner to General Assembly. A unanimous ballot was cast for Mr. Hanlon. Presbytery voted to elect the alternate at the Spring meeting of Presbytery.

It was voted by Presbytery that our commissioners be instructed to attend the Pre-Assembly Conference on Evangelism.

The Report of the Committee of National Missions was given by the Chairman, Rev. Elwood Hunter as follows:-

"By request of the National Missions Committee and in fulfillment on the part of the Presbytery that Hunter, Robinson, and Doig work on a committee to encourage the communities in Southeastern Alaska to observe the sesquicentennial of National Missions, the Rev. James Robinson was requested to include as part of his work in the Christian Workers Conference, a presentation which might be duplicated in the communities represented. This he has splendidly fulfilled. The National Missions Committee wishes to thank Mr. Robinson and those who worked so willingly with him, for their part in the Workers Conference relating to the Sesquicentennial program.

"The National Missions Committee wishes to go on record:-

1. As favoring and encouraging the repeating of the special conference held on the west coast, and favoring a tri-town conference be set up this winter or next spring.
2. As favoring a preaching station at Annette Island with Dr. Severson holding meetings every two weeks at that place, and he be commended for his watchfulness for such an opportunity.
3. That Rev. John Grissett should be sent to Angoon for about two weeks in order to be introduced to the work in Alaska and assist in getting the Sunday School off to a good start. That he also spend two weeks at Kake in a similar manner, and that he assist in the work at Petersburg for a similar period of time before going to Ketchikan.
4. That a move toward self-support should be taken by every church and that no church should be satisfied with maintaining the status quo. That those churches that have not paid their portion of the minister's salary be urged to realize their responsibility and fulfill it, and that they should have a high regard for their word of honor in doing so.
5. That Dr. Jackman be requested to set up conditions of service for the men that are layworkers, similar to the conditions of service which other men in Alaska are requested to sign when they accept a call to work in Alaska, and that a 12 months service be urged for all stations in Alaska.
6. That the committee with deep regret and with sincere recognition of our own shortcomings still feels impelled to issue a warning and caution to Andrew Gamble, pointing out that his conduct is not showing a sincere love for the Lord Jesus Christ, and due regard for the Lord's work of even conduct that indicates nominal interest in the calling which he has chosen, in that:-
 - a. He has left the field for a length of time which demanded the obtaining of permission, and did not seek permission.
 - b. That the time was ill-chosen to be away and he was ~~not~~ on his field when the V.B.S. team arrived, only to leave again having spent relatively few hours in the community, again leaving the team without guidance and without due regard for the work which the team had been sent to carry on.
 - c. That further, his return to the field should have been by the 15th of September, and he just lately arrived on his field in Oct.
 - d. That he has failed to attend Presbytery, giving fall fishing as an excuse.
 - e. That he has insisted on continuing his fishing all the time, knowing that Presbytery was not in favor of it.
 - f. That in most of those items he has shown disregard for those in authority over him.

The Committee wishes to point out that the most serious problem arises from the fact that those things call into question his basic sincerity in the Lord's work, and causes us to doubt that he is following the Lord's call.

With all due Christian love we call upon him to show in the coming months by

energetic and loving service to the Lord and to His Kingdom, that these have not been true indications of his personal spiritual condition, and that he still aspires to the words from our Lord, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

7. That the Princeton-Hall be tied up in December, January, February, and March, and that it be prepared during that time for service in the spring and summer, and that during this period Cy Peck assist Walter Soboleff at Memorial Church.

8. That the work at Tonokoo and Excursion Inlet be encouraged and the boat visit as often as possible.

9. That Haines and Klukwan be encouraged to complete plans for Presbytery in the spring. The building project will not be an easy one to finish, but we want them to know that all their efforts are appreciated.

10. That Mr. Armstrong and Dr. Jackman be thanked and commended for their unfailing effort to assist in every way the movement forward in the Lord's work in Alaska. We appreciate the hours from the night as well as the hours of the day given without question to the work, and we are grateful to the many days spent away from home and under conditions of travel. May the Lord continually bless your services.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Elwood B. Hunter, Chairman
National Missions Committee

Presbytery moved that the report be received and the recommendations adopted.

Rev. R.R. Armstrong spoke concerning his position as Field Representative and of his desire to be of service to all churches and pastors and layworkers.

Concerning the election of Commissioners to Synod, Presbytery passed that the election of Commissioners to Synod be held at the Spring Meeting of Presbytery.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:-

Presbyterian Life Chairman:- Rev. H.A. Severson.

Change of Standing Rules:- Rev. Donald Schwab, Chairman; Rev. Willis R. Booth and the Stated Clerk.

On a motion by Presbytery and Passed, Andrew Gamble's report as a Commissioner to the last General Assembly be postponed until the Spring Meeting of Presbytery.

The Report of the Stated Clerk concerning a six month's budget is as follows:-

Per-Capita Tax - Synod and General Assembly.....	\$941.50
Young People's Conferences (\$50.00 each).....	100.00
Office Supplies	150.00
Postage for the Stated Clerk.....	15.00
Telegrams and Nite Letters.....	25.00
Stated Clerk's Salary.....	75.00
Travel and Committee Expense.....	175.00
Film Rental.....	20.00
Emergency.....	50.00
Total.....	\$1551.50

On a motion by Presbytery the report was received and adopted.

After a suggestion by Rev. R.R. Armstrong, Presbytery moved and passed "that Presbytery petition Yukon Presbytery to co-sponsor an ad in the 'Alaskan Sportsman' for the Presbyterian Church in Alaska.

It was pointed out that the Chairman of the Committee on Stewardship and Promotion had not been cared for at the last spring meeting by the nominating committee. Presbytery voted that Rev. Walter Soboleff be continued as Chairman of that committee and that his class be designated as '55.

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Soboleff

It was also pointed out that the Conference Committee was only a temporary committee. It was moved and passed that this committee be made a permanent sub-committee of Christian Education.

The Stated Clerk read a list of Committees of Presbytery as follows:-

NATIONAL MISSIONS

Chm. Rev. Elwood Hunter -'53
Rev. Carl DeMott....'53
Rev. H.A. Severson..'54
Andrew Wanamaker....'54
Andrew Gamble.....'55
Clarence Rands.....'55

MINISTERIAL RELATIONS

Chm. Rev. Willis Booth...'55
Delbert Dixon.....'53
Rev. E.B. Hunter....'54

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Chm. Rev. E. Parker.....'55
E.R. Sharnbroich....'53
Leslie Yaw.....'54
Rev. Donald Schwab..'54
Lawrence Doig.....'55
*John Grissett!.....'55

*Unexpired term of Rev. C. Shotwell

PENSIONS COMMITTEE

Chm. Rev. Ellis Booth....'54
Rev. W.A. Soboleff... '53
Clarence Warfield....'55

SESSIONAL RECORDS

Chm. Rev. Paul F. Evans... '53
Cyrus Peck.....'54
Rev. C. Shotwell....'55

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Chm. Rev. Elmer Parker....'53
Arthur Johnson'54
Cyrus Peck.....'55
Rev. R.E. McCluggage.'55

JUDICIAL AFFAIRS

Chm. Rev. W.A. Soboleff... '55
Rev. George Betts....'54
John Willard.....'53

UNITED PROMOTION

Chm. Rev. W.A. Soboleff... '55

It was moved and seconded and passed that the list of names and classed be accepted as read.

Concerning the Spring Meeting of Presbytery, it was decided to fix them in conjunction with the coming of the Moderator of General Assembly, Dr. Herman Morse, and that they should be April 15-19, 1953, unless they conflict with Dr. Morse's schedule in Alaska Presbytery.

Rev. R.R. Armstrong spoke concerning the enforced cutting of 6.6% in the budget of every department of our church. This will mean a cut of \$6,200.00 for our Dept. of Work in Alaska. This must be made up on the field if work is not to be shut down.

Rev. Armstrong also made the recommendation of hostels in the larger towns of Alaska, and that such be referred to the committee on Social Education and Action. It was moved by Presbytery to receive the report and adopt its recommendation.

The Presbytery moved that the per-capita tax of Presbytery be raised from 50¢ to 75¢ for the coming year.

On a motion by Presbytery it was decided that the offerings received at the evening meetings during Presbytery be placed in the treasury of Presbytery, and that a check be drawn in like amount in favor of Sheldon Jackson Junior College.

The Permanent Clerk read the Minutes of Presbytery. There were no omissions or corrections, and the minutes were approved as read. Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. R. R. Armstrong.

Roy. Clayton Shotwell, Permanent Clerk.

Rev. Jim F. Davis Stated Clerk

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Presbytery of Alaska

SPRING MEETING

METLAKATLA

APRIL 10-15, 1956

PRESBYTERY OF ALASKA

Spring Meeting

Metlakatla, Alaska

April 10-15, 1956

The Presbytery of Alaska opened its Spring Meeting with a worship service in the Presbyterian Church of Metlakatla. The Rev. Roland Rosson, host pastor presided, and the sermon was delivered by the Rev. Paul F. Moser of Ketchikan.

Following the worship service, the Vice-Moderator, Rev. Henry Hartmann, called Presbytery to order and at 9:15 P.M. constituted Presbytery with prayer. The Rev. Hartmann presided in the absence of the Moderator Dr. Malcolm S. Sweet.

The Roll Call was given by the Stated Clerk with the following response:-

Ministers Present:- Rev. Kenneth Smith, Chapel-by-the-Lake; Rev. Robert VanNest, Craig; Rev. Henry Hartmann, Haines; Rev. George Betts, Hoonah; Rev. Richard Stussi, Hydaburg; Rev. Paul Moser, Ketchikan; Rev. Arthur A. Johnson, Klawock; Rev. Roland Rosson, Metlakatla; Rev. Ronald Snelling, Petersburg; Rev. William Gavin, Sitka; Rev. Bertram Rutan, Skagway, Rev. Paul F. Evans, Wrangell; Rev. Claude Klaver, Yakutat; Rev. D.A. Schwab, MV Princeton-Hall and Rev. Elmer Parker, General Missionary.

Ministers Absent:- Dr. Walter A. Soboleff, Memorial Presbyterian Church, Juneau (Excused); Dr. Malcolm S. Sweet, Juneau Northern Light (Excused); Rev. Hendrick VanDyke, Radio Station KSEW (Excused); Rev. John Grisett, Post Graduate Study (Excused) and Rev. John Dodge, Chaplain USN (Excused).

Layworkers Present:- Alistair Short, Sitka; George Burdick, Angoon; Andrew Gamble, Kake; Dick Nelson, MV Princeton-Hall; Dan Kahklen, MV Princeton-Hall; Isabel Miller, Social Worker; Mayred Swanson, Klukwan.

Layworkers Absent:- None:

Elders Present:- Sam Newman, Angoon, Donald Dobyns, Chapel-by-the-Lake; George Edenso, Craig; Mildred Sparks, Haines; David Kadashan, Hoonah; James Edenso, Hydaburg; Andrew Wanamaker, Juneau Memorial; Roland Burrows, Juneau Northern Light; Paul Nanuck, Kake; Jack Edenso, Ketchikan; Johnnie Willard, Klukwan; Stephen Marsden, Metlakatla; Pauline Blatchford, Petersburg; Alistair Short, Sitka.

Elders Absent:- Kasaan, Klawock, Skagway, Wrangell and Yakutat.

The Moderator, Rev. Henry Hartmann appointed Elder Jack Edenso of Ketchikan to serve as Temporary Clerk.

The Stated Clerk presented the Docket noting one correction. On page 3 line 15 should read "Dr. Malcolm S. Sweet" rather than Rev. Bertram Rutan. The host Pastor, Rev. Roland Rosson, requested that Presbytery change the time of the Choir Concert on Sunday afternoon from 3:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. There being no further changes the docket was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Presbytery.

The Stated Clerk presented the recommendations of the Executive Committee of Presbytery. Presbytery decided that they be voted on seriatim.

1. That the PerCapita Assessment for the year 1956-57 be increased by 20¢. The reasons for this recommendation are that we have insufficient funds to allow for meetings of the Committees of Christian Education and National Missions, and the Council of Presbytery between the meetings of Presbytery; for consideration and expedition of business. We feel that this will greatly strengthen and make for a smoother running of the business of Presbytery. This raises the PerCapita Assessment to

95¢. Passed.

2. That the Standing Rules, when revised, be mimeographed and kept in loose-leaf folders, with the provision for two copies for each minister of Presbytery. These loose-leaf folders will cost 60¢ per folder, and we recommend the purchase of 50. Passed.
3. In the place of Rev. John Grisett, who is laboring outside the bounds of Presbytery, we recommend Rev. William Gavin to serve on the Committee of Bills and Overtures. Passed.
4. In respect to the suggestion of the Stated Clerk of the Synod for itinerary of various committee heads of the Synod to Alaska in 1957, it is our belief that this does not serve the purpose of advancing the work in Alaska, and does not take the place of a meeting of Synod in Alaska, to the cementing of relations between the Synod and Alaska, and the Stated Clerk of Synod be so notified of the above.

After much discussion, it was voted to be tabled, and placed on the docket for Friday at 9:15, and be made the order of the day following Roll Call. Passed.

5. In order to start a drive to procure a new Princeton-Hall for the work in Southeastern Alaska, we urgently recommend that each church of the Presbytery divert, over its benevolence quota for 1956, the sum of \$1.00 per member, or not less than 10% of the amount over and above its 1956 benevolence quota. That this amount be sent to the Treasurer of Presbytery. In this way we feel, we will not only have part in this project, but will stimulate each church's benevolent giving. Passed.
6. The Executive Committee of Presbytery feels that several churches allowing their delegates to Presbytery and Presbyterial expense money over and above the cost of transportation, which ought to be borne by the church, are doing the delegates and the churches an injustice, since such money could be well diverted to either the benevolence program or in relieving the Board of National Missions of its obligation to these churches.

Following a discussion, Presbytery voted by a narrow margin not to concur with the Executive Committee.

Concerning the Standing Rules which are to be changed at this meeting, with due notice having been given, Presbytery voted "After study of the proposed changes of the Standing Rules, several members of Presbytery feel that we should offer the following substitutes:-

1. Article III. "Docket". Instead of the proposed section 6 "Docket", we offer the following as a substitute motion to be added to the discussion of changes in the Standing Rules at the proper time on the docket.

"Delete the word 'Docket', and substitute the following:-
"Presbytery shall elect a General Council of six members composed of three ministers and three elders divided into three classes, elected at the annual stated meeting to serve for three years. In 1956 it shall elect one minister and one elder to serve for three years; one minister and one elder to serve for two years; and one minister and one elder to serve for one year, and annually thereafter one minister and one elder for three years, in accord with the Form of Government Chapter XXVI, Section x. Presbytery shall annually elect a chairman for a term of one year in accord with section xi, and the Stated Clerk shall serve as secretary, but without vote.

"The council.....etc. (Same as submitted by the Executive Committee)

Also add a new paragraph to read:-

"Presbytery's council shall be empowered to receive into Presbytery ministers under appointment by the Board of National Missions, Department of Work in Alaska, as Missionary Pastors, in accord with the Form of Government, Chapter XXVI, Section xiv, who shall thus become moderators

of the church to which they are appointed. It shall also have the power to dismiss ministers without pastoral charge, and licentiates and candidates upon the recommendation of the Committee on Candidates and Credentials."

Presbytery moved that the above be added to the docket to be considered as substitute motions to the revisions of the Standing Rules when they are considered. Unanimously passed.

The Moderator of the meeting Rev. Henry Hartmann appointed the following Temporary Committees:-

Judicial Business:- Vice Moderator Rev. Henry Hartmann, the Stated Clerk Rev. Paul F. Evans, and Elder Charles Nelson.

Finance and Audit:- Elder Alistair Short and Elder Mildred Sparks.

Resolutions of Thanks:- Rev. William Gavin and Elder Sam Newman.

Sessional Records:- Rev. Bertram Butan, Rev. Richard Stussi and Rev. Rober VanNest.

Leave of Absence:- Stated Clerk, Permanent Clerk, Temporary Clerk.

Nominations:- - - - Rev. Elmer Parker, Rev. George Betts and Elder George Edenso.

Publicity:- - - - Rev. Paul Moser.

The Moderator of the meeting appointed Rev. Kenneth Smith to read the Report of General Assembly in absence of the Commissioner Elder Sam Johnson of Angoon. Elder Johnson sending his report to Presbytery.

The Stated Clerk read the report sent to him by Rev. Hendrick VanDyke on the Installation of Rev. William Gavin at the First Presbyterian Church of Sitka. A Commission (See Page 4) voted at last Presbytery installed the Rev. Gavin on Dec. 11, 1955. Rev. Gavin was introduced to the Presbytery.

Dr. Robert R. Starr, doctor at the clinic at Klawock was introduced to the Presbytery. Dr. Starr is under the Department of Educational and Medical Work.

The Moderator of the meeting Rev. Henry Hartmann, read a letter of introduction from the Rev. Dr. R.J. Williams, Moderator of the Presbytery of Lackawanna, introducing Mr. & Mrs. George Evans from Scranton, Penna., Mr. & Mrs. Evans are the parents of the Stated Clerk.

The following were received as corresponding members and given the privilege of the floor:-

Rev. Charles Muir, Presbytery of Bellingham.

Dr. J. Earl Jackman, Presbytery of Jersey City.

Rev. Brian Cleworth, Presbytery of the Yukon.

Rev. Murlin Day, Northern New York Methodist Conference.

Rev. Roland Rosson reported for the committee on arrangements. Presbytery moved and passed that this report be received.

Presbytery moved we recess until 9:00 A.M. Wednesday morning for Morning Devotions, following the prayer by Rev. William Gavin. Passed.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 11th
9:00 A.M.

Following Morning Devotions, led by Rev. Rober VanNest of Craig, Presbytery was called to order and the opening prayer given by the Moderator of the meeting Rev. Henry Hartmann.

Because of an emergency phone call from a bereaved family in his church, the Stated Clerk asked permission to arrange the docket so that he could be excused to

journey to Wrangell for the funeral. It was noted that such arrangements would be given later in the day for the approval of Presbytery. The request was granted.

The Roll Call was given by the Stated Clerk and was noted to be the same as Tuesday evening.

Presbytery moved and passed that Mr. Richard Reese a deacon in the church at Yakutat, be granted the privilege of the floor,

The Minutes of the Previous Day were read by the Permanent Clerk, Rev. Ronald Snelling, and approved as read.

It was noted that there was no report of the Delegate to Synod, Dr. Walter A. Soboleff.

Elder Delegate to Synod Johnnie Willard of Klukwan gave his report. Presbytery unanimously passed that we receive his report, commend the delegate for his diligence and faithfulness in attending all the meetings of Synod.

The Election of Delegate to Synod was announced as the order of the day. Rev. John Dodge, Chaplain USN, was nominated after which Presbytery moved and passed that nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Rev. Dodge as Delegate to Synod. The Clerk cast a unanimous ballot for Rev. Dodge.

Rev. Ronald Snelling was nominated as alternate delegate to Synod. Presbytery voted nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Rev. Snelling. The clerk cast a unanimous ballot for Rev. Snelling.

Presbytery voted that the Stated Clerk notify Rev. Dodge immediately as to our action.

The host church's turn to nominate primate and alternate delegate Elders to Synod. By action of the Session of the Metlakatla Church the following names were submitted as primate and alternate respectively.....Edward Benson and Chester Stone. In the event of their inability to attend, the session of the Petersburg Church was to elect two delegates should the Metlakatla delegates not attend. These names are to be sent to the Stated Clerk. Presbytery moved and passed that these be accepted. The names received from Petersburg were:- Mrs. Constance Reid and Mrs. Pauline Blatchford.

Rev. Kenneth Smith read the report of Elder Commissioner to General Assembly, of Elder Sam Johnson, Presbytery received his report and requested Elder Sam Newman, Elder delegate to this meeting of Presbytery, to convey thanks to Elder Johnson on behalf of Presbytery.

Rev. Paul F. Evans gave his report as Commissioner to General Assembly. Presbytery moved and passed that this report be received and the Commissioner be commended for his diligence.

Rev. Elmer Parker was nominated as Commissioner to the 168th General Assembly Meeting in Philadelphia, Penna. Presbytery moved and passed that nominations cease, and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Rev. Parker. This was done by the clerk.

The Rev. D.A. Schwab was nominated as alternate Commissioner to General Assembly. Presbytery voted that nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Rev. Schwab. The clerk cast a unanimous ballot.

Dick Nelson of the MV Princeton-Hall was nominated as Elder Commissioner to the General Assembly. A unanimous ballot was cast for Elder Nelson. Elder Nelson is an Elder in the Memorial Church of Juneau. Mrs. Mayreld Swanson was nominated and unanimously voted alternate Elder Commissioner to General Assembly. Mrs. Swanson is Elder layworker in the Klukwan Church.

Presbytery was recessed at 10:45 A.M. with prayer by Rev. Elmer Parker.

The balance of the day was given to Committee Meetings, with the exception of the Christian Education Institute, led by Rev. Charles Muir of the Synod of Washington

from 1:00 - 2:00 P.M.

The popular evening worship at 7:30 P.M. was addressed by Dr. J. Earl Jackman, Secretary for Board work in Alaska of the Board of National Missions, following which a meeting with missionary personnel was held.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12th
9:00 A.M.

Following Morning Devotions led by Rev. Kenneth Smith, Chapel-by-the-Lake, Presbytery convened at 9:15 A.M. with the opening prayer by Rev. Henry Hartmann.

Presbytery voted that Rev. William Martes, Presbytery of Yukon be received as a corresponding member and granted the privilege of the floor.

The arrangement of the docket as requested for by the Stated Clerk is as follows:- The report of the Stated Clerk-Treasurer moved to 2:00 P.M. Thursday, and that the Necrology Report be given by Dr. R.R. Armstrong, Field Representative. Presbytery unanimously voted to concur in this change.

The Roll Call was given by the Stated Clerk, who reported it to be the same as Tuesday evening.

The Minutes of the Previous Day were read and approved as corrected.

Presbytery voted that one Sessional Records book with several inaccuracies be referred to the Judicial Commission as a request of the Sessional Records Committee.

Presbytery moved that Elder Charles Nelson, Alternate Delegate from the Ketchikan Church be granted the privilege of the floor. Passed.

Presbytery moved that the Mental Health Bill (Alaska) be referred to the newly elected committee of Social Education and Action. Passed.

The Nominating Committee of Presbytery made the following report:-

"The Nominating Committee would suggest the following for the Class of '59 in place of the expiring Class of '56:-

National Missions Committee -

Rev. Paul Moser - Elder George Edenso.

Foreign Missions Committee -

Rev. Richard Stussi - Elder Johnnie Willard

Christian Education Committee -

Dr. R.R. Armstrong - Elder Richard Nelson

Ministerial Relations Committee -

Rev. William Gavin

Social Education and Action Committee -

Elder Isabel Miller

Committee on Marriage -

Elder Andrew Wanamaker

Committee on Pensions -

Elder Jack Edenso

Bills and Overtures Committee -

Rev. Robert VanNest and Elder Andrew Gamble

Office of Permanent Clerk -

Rev. Ronald Snelling.

Presbytery moved and passed that the nominations be accepted and elected by acclamation.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was given by its chairman
Rev. Richard Stussi.

"The attention of Presbytery is called to the following matters of
information:-

Our mandate is from the Gospel - St. Matthew 28:18-20.

Our authority is from the General Assembly.

Our General Assembly has given the proper board the permission to
conduct the world mission of our church.

The responsibility belongs with the local session.

Therefore we urge that as much as possible of the following 15 point program
be adopted in the local church.

1. There must be a Pastor committed to a Foreign Missions Program.
2. A permanent committee should be formed in the Session.
3. The job of this committee is to help the whole congregation.
4. The committee provides for training of leaders.
5. It promotes the use of material on study themes of the year.
6. It brings emphasis into the home and the family.
7. It plans study groups.
8. It attempts to make the relationship between a particular foreign field
and a local church a personal one.
9. It makes use of audio visual aids.
10. It cooperates with the stewardship committee of the local church in the
budget making and canvas.
11. It makes use of live drama wherever possible.
12. It makes clear the ideal goal for giving.
13. It emphasises the principles of stewardship as given by the department
as given by the Department of Stewardship and Promotion.
14. It encourages its most able young people to consider the ecumenical
mission as a life work.
15. It involves the church members in the practice of prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Rev. Richard Stussi, Chmn.

Presbytery moved and passed that this report be received.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures was reported on at this time by Rev.
Bertram Rutan, Chairman. Presbytery voted to take up the overtures of General
Assembly seriatim.

Overture A - Recommended and Passed in the Affirmative.

" B - " " " " " " (Women as Ministers)

One negative vote recorded. Rev. Paul F. Evans.

Overture C - Recommended and passed in the Affirmative.

" D - " " " " " "

Overture E - " " " " " " (Rotary System)

Presbytery voted an exemption be granted those requesting same
petitioning the Stated Clerk. Exemption for one year.

Overture G - Recommended and passed in the Affirmative.

Overture H - " " " " " Negative.

Overture I - " " " " " Affirmative.

Overture up to General Assembly to change the catechism
Recommended and passed in the Affirmative.

Overture up to General Assembly on Aid to Education.
Recommended and passed in the Affirmative.

Presbytery voted that the overtures be adopted as a whole as they were seriatim.

Presbytery voted to lay the report of the Committee on Social Education and Action on the table until this afternoon.

The Moderator called for the order of the day the Bible Study Hour by Rev. Claude Klaver of Yakutat. Rev. Klaver opened the Bible Study in II Timothy, following which Presbytery was recessed with prayer by Rev. Klaver.

1:00 P.M.

The Christian Education Institute under the leadership of Rev. Charles Muir was continued on Youth Work.

The acting Moderator, Rev. Henry Hartmann, called Presbytery to order at 2:15 P.M., and Rev. Arthur A Johnson of Klawock, opened Presbytery with prayer.

Roll Call was voted dispensed with and be taken at the convenience of the clerk. Later it was noted to be the same as Tuesday Evening, with all registering present.

The Stated Clerk read a letter concerning Mr. Frank Brady, who was urged to be taken under care of this Presbytery by the Session of the Memorial Church in Juneau. The letter was written by Rev. Charles Erhart, Chairman of Candidates of Newark Presbytery. Presbytery voted that this letter be used in consideration by the Christian Education Committee.

The Stated Clerk read a letter from Rev. George Pratt, of Synod's Committee on History, suggesting that a history be submitted of Alaska Presbytery from the year 1909. This matter was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Presbytery also referred to the Nominations Committee the matter of a Chairman of Ministerial Relations, and a Committee and Chairman of Candidates and Credential.

The Report of the Stated Clerk-Treasurer was given at this time by Rev. Paul F. Evans, and as follows:-

Recommendations:-

1. Time for insurance renewal on the supplies and equipment of the Stated Clerk. I recommend that the insurance be renewed. Passed.
2. The current typewriter owned by the Presbytery is not adequate and request to sell it if possible. Passed.
3. That a new electric typewriter be purchased by Presbytery.

This matter was referred to the Committee on Finance and Audit.

4. That the matter of wills be emphasized by each church. Passed.

Statistical Report:-

Received on Profession and Reaffirmation.....	166
Received by Certificate.....	102
Received by Restoration to the Roll.....	<u>6</u>
	274
Dismissed.....	71
Suspended.....	13
Deceased.....	<u>40</u>
	124
Net Gain in Membership.....	150
Total Membership.....	2326
Infant Baptisms.....	133
Sunday School, Teachers, Members etc. etc.	1645
Congregational Current Receipts.....	\$94,240.00
Congregational Special Receipts.....	\$41,501.00
Congregational Benevolences.....	\$13,604.00

Pupils Enrolled in Sunday School.....	1501
Officers and Teachers.....	144
Total Sunday School Membership.....	1645
Home or Extension Department.....	7
Cradle Roll.....	200
Grand Sunday School Enrollment.....	1852
Sunday School Pupils received on Profession of Faith.....	49
Churches.....	19
Ordained Ministers.....	18
Licentiates.....	1
Candidates.....	2
Elders.....	102
Deacons.....	82
Baptisms on Profession.....	128
G.A., Synod and Presb.	\$1588.00
Youth Budget Churches.....	5

Treasurers Report:-

Petty Cash.....	\$ 9.98
Christian Education.....	\$ 340.77
Presbytery Entertainment	\$ 413.24
Liquor Fight Fund.....	\$ 225.00
General Fund.....	\$1288.47

Respectfully Submitted,

(Signed)

Rev. Paul F. Evans
Stated Clerk-Treasurer

Presbytery moved and passed that the Stated Clerk-Treasurers report be received and his recommendations adopted, and that the Stated Clerk-Treasurer be commended for his fine work.

Recommended changes in the Standing Rules of Presbytery were presented at this time by the Stated Clerk, as follows:-

Article II - Meetings

pp. 1 to read:- "The Presbytery shall hold one stated meeting a year, in April, convening at the call of the Council. A meeting also may be called by the Council for one or more days in August, or when practicable. The following items shall be observed in regard to the meetings:-

Section 5 to read:- "The April stated meeting shall be opened with a worship service. It is recommended that the Moderator be invited to preach the sermon in the host church on Sunday A.M."

Article III - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

pp. 1 to read:- "The officers of Presbytery shall consist of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Stated Clerk-Treasurer, Permanent Clerk, Board of Trustees and a Presbytery Council."

Section 3 changed:- "\$100.00" instead of \$75.00.

Section 4 changed:- "\$25.00" instead of \$10.00.

Section 8 to read:- (see page 6 "Standing Rules")

Article IV - COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES.

Section 5 - Shall be deleted from line 18, beginning with the words

"It shall have....." up to and including "Article 6, Sections 5 and 6."

Section 8 - Shall be deleted in full, since it appears on page 3 as #5.
In its place shall read:-

"Candidates and Credentials shall be composed of two ministers and one Elder to be elected in classes, for a term of ~~these~~ years, at the April meeting. Their duties shall be in accordance with the Form of Government, Chapter XIV, Section A, Article 6-7...(1955 Edition). It is the duty of this committee to appoint examiners for licensure, ordination and reception of members from other denominations. After forming this committee Presbytery shall elect a chairman."

Section 11 - Shall be named "Evangelism" and shall read:-

"Evangelism shall consist of two ministers and two elders divided into matched classes, one of which shall be elected at each April meeting to serve two years, plus the Missionary aboard the MV Princeton-Hall, exofficio. Ordinarily Presbytery shall elect one of these as chairman, who has had previous experience with the duties of this committee. This committee shall seek to inspire and instruct, and in every way aid the churches of the Presbytery in reaching the unchurched and the inactive; it shall study and transmit to the churches those parts of the program of the Division of Evangelism that are applicable to work in Alaska. In cooperation with the Committee on National Missions and the Department of Work in Alaska, it shall strive to reach out to the unreached communities throughout Southeastern Alaska."

Section 12 - Shall read:-

"The Permanent Committee of National Missions and Christian Education are authorized to meet once a year between stated meetings at the expense of Presbytery."

ARTICLE VI - MINISTERS, LICENTIATES, CANDIDATES

Section 2 - Line 1 and 2 delete....."on Christian Education" and in its place write Candidates and Credentials."

Presbytery voted that these changes in the Standing Rules be received a whole as they were seriatim. The vote was unanimous.

The Report of the Committee on National Missions was given by its chairman, the Rev. D.A. Schwab. Presbytery moved and passed that the recommendations of this committee be taken up seriatim. It was noted that this report according to the docket will be given in two sections, this being the first.

The recommendations of the committee are as follows:-

1. That we approve the appointment of Dr. R. Rolland Armstrong as President of Sheldon Jackson Junior College and express our appreciation for his fine service as Assistant Secretary of the Board of National Missions; that the Stated clerk write Dr. Alexander Sharp, Mr. J. Earl Jackman and Miss Katherine Gladfelter our commendation. Passed.
2. That we commend Mr. Roland Wurster for his fine faithful service as President of Sheldon Jackson Junior College, and that the stated clerk write him of our appreciation, and that he continue in National Missions work, and that copies be sent to Dr. Alexander Sharp and Miss Katherine Gladfelter. Passed.
3. That we concur with Dr. Alexander Sharp, Administrative Secretary of the Board of National Missions, in recommending to the Board of National Missions at its next meeting, the appointment of Rev. Brian

Cleworth as the new Assistant Secretary of the Department of Work in Alaska. (And that we ask Dr. J. Earl Jackman to explain to us the process of this appointment prior to vote, and some of the reasons for his nominations.)

Presbytery nominated Rev. D.A. Schwab in a substitute motion, to replace the name of Rev. Brian Cleworth. After much discussion, Presbytery voted to table this motion (original) and its substitute motion, to be taken up at a later date. (See the National Missions Committee Report later in the Minutes).

4. That we commend the fine work of Mrs. Mayreld Swanson at Klukwan, and her splendid work in Christian Education in the National Missions stations of our Presbytery, and that we concur with the Committee on Christian Education as they recommend her to Presbytery as a Candidate for Commissioned Church Worker. Passed.
5. That we commend Dr. Robert Starr for his fine Christian contribution in the medical work on the West Coast, and that he speak of the report of his work. Dr. Starr was heard, and following his presentation the vote passed unanimously.
6. That if the way be clear, that Dr. Starr be asked at some future meeting of Presbytery, to teach a course of instruction to the ministers of Presbytery, on how to deal with alcoholics. Passed.
7. That we commend the work of Rev. Murlin Day, Chaplain of the National Council of Churches, stationed at Mt. Edgecombe, and that he speak of his work there. Rev. Day was heard, and following his talk the motion was passed.

This concluded the first part of the National Missions Committee Report, the remainder of which will be presented later on the docket and then received as a whole as it was seriatim.

Part One of the Christian Education Committee's Report was given at this time by its chairman, Rev. Ronald Snelling. Presbytery moved that the recommendations of this committee be taken up seriatim. Passed.

1. That there be a resident maintenance man at the Rainbow Glacier Camp whenever possible, and that the committee be empowered to place such a person when suitable arrangements can be made. Passed.
2. That Ruth Hartmann be made the business manager of the Rainbow Glacier Camp for one year. Passed.
3. That the Senior High Conference be held May 30-June 6 with the Rev. D.A. Schwab as director. Passed.
4. That the Junior High Conference be held June 12-19 with Rev. Roland Rosson as director. Passed.
5. That the total camp cost per delegate be raised to \$30.00 this year, and that the camp books be provided for these who register before May 20th for Sr. Hi Conference and June 2nd for Junior Hi Conference. Passed.
6. That no formal ministers family retreat be set up this year at Rainbow Glacier Camp, but that it be noted that the facilities are available to ministers and their families for vacations if so desired. Passed.
7. That the Campgrounds Committee be dissolved as a separate committee of Presbytery, and, that following the Standing Rules of Presbytery which permit the Christian Education Committee to appoint a sub-committee on Youth Work, the sub-committee on Youth Work be responsible for all phases of camp work in the Presbytery in order to unify and broaden the total youth Program. Passed.
8. That the following sub-committee chairmen be named: - Children-- Mrs. Dick Nelson; Youth--Rev. Henry Hartmann; Adult-- Rev. Roland Rosson; Missionary--Rev. Richard Stussi; S.E.A.-- Dr. Malcolm S. Sweet; Enlistment--Rev. R.R. Armstrong. Passed.

9. That the last week in August 1957 be proposed as a Conference on Church Officer Training with the Yukon and Alaska Presbyteries working together at the Sheldon Jackson School campus. Passed.
10. That Mareld Swanson, having been examined by the committee on Christian Education as to her faith and calling, be taken under care of Presbytery as a candidate for Commissioned Church Worker, and the formal service of taking her under care of Presbytery be conducted at the evening service conducted by the Christian Ed Committee. Passed.

Mrs. Swanson was called to the floor of presbytery and gave a statement of her faith and reasons why she felt called of God to serve as a Commissioned Church Worker.

The examination of Mrs. Swanson was opened to the floor of Presbytery, and there being no further questions, a motion was passed to arrest the examination and proceed with taking the candidate under the care of Presbytery. Presbytery voted by a 3/4 vote to waive the following requirements:- "said application shall be filed with the stated clerk of the Presbytery through the session of the particular church and with its approval, and shall be in his hands at least three months prior to consideration, during which time a close and particular examination shall be made of the character, and conduct of the candidate, of his physical, mental and educational qualifications and of the motives which have influenced him to desire the sacred office, by the appropriate committee of Presbytery.

The reason for requesting exemption to the above requirements is that Mrs. Swanson is a member of the Session under whose care as a layworker in the same church of which she is an elder, and by her work she has proven herself well-qualified to become a candidate for a Commissioned Church Worker.

11. That the Stated Clerk notify Miss Katherine Holder that since her letter of church membership has been returned to Sitka, that the Presbytery Council has been authorized to issue her letter of transfer as a candidate for Commissioned Church Worker to the Presbytery to which she specifies, when she requests it, and to advise her to also request her letter from the Sitka Church if she wishes to transfer. Passed.
12. That seeing that the license of Andrew Gamble has automatically expired after five years, that the way be left open for him to continue his work toward ordination at a later date if he so desires, with the approval of Presbytery. Passed.

The Committee on Christian Education report part one is completed and that the report be received in total as it was seriatim at the conclusion of its report. Passed.

Since Presbytery was pressed for time to remain within the docket schedule, Presbytery voted to extend the time on the docket 15 minutes, by unanimous consent.

Rev. Arthur A. Johnson, last past moderator present, presided while Rev. Henry Hartmann moved and presbytery passed that the matter of "Assistant Minister" in the Northern Light Presbyterian Church be referred to the Committee on Judicial Business.

Rev. Hartmann resumed the chair.

The Stated Clerk read a wire from Chaplain John Dodge stating his regrets not being able to attend Synod because of previous commitments. (See later in Docket

the action for delegates to Synod (Ministerial).

In the absence of Dr. Walter A. Soboleff, Chairman of Stewardship and Promotion, the Rev. Robert VanNest gave Dr. Soboleff's report. Presbytery received the typewritten report of the committee. It was noted that the identical report was presented to Presbytery not only last year, but also the year previous, and that the only item changed on the report was the date of the meeting of Presbytery. It was also noted that material in packet given for distribution was not that of the Committee on Stewardship and Promotion, but from the Department of Evangelism. Because of these reasons Presbytery voted unanimously that the report be not received, and that the chairman be so informed.

Presbytery also moved that a definite Stewardship and Promotion plan be set up for each church by the Committee on Stewardship and Promotion, rather than the vague generalities given in the previous report. Unanimously passed.

Rev. Arthur Johnson to the chair.

Report of the Campgrounds Committee was given by Rev. Henry Hartmann. His verbal report was received. There were no recommendations to be adopted.

Presbytery moved that whenever funds are available through Presbytery, that they be given to the camp treasurer, and be made available hereafter without request.

Rev. Hartmann resumed the chair.

The Pensions Report was given by its chairman, Rev. Claude Klaver, in parts.

Presbytery moved that 10¢ per capita be set aside for this committee for its welfare fund, after a second to the motion, Presbytery voted that this matter be laid on the table for the present. Passed.

Presbytery moved that the report on Pensions be continued at a later time on the docket. Passed. Prayer by Rev. Henry Hartmann.

Presbytery voted to recess until the evening meeting. The popular worship service was presented by the Alaska Presbyterial who had Miss Elizabeth Manuel, "western Area Assistant Secretary for Women's Work, as their speaker.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13th
9:00 A.M.

Presbytery was called to order by the acting Moderator, Rev. Henry Hartmann, following Morning Devotions by Rev. Richard Stussi of Hydaburg, Rev. Donald A. Schwab convened Presbytery with prayer.

The Roll Call was taken by the Permanent Clerk in the excused absence of the Stated Clerk, who flew home because of a death in the church family. The report was that all delegates of Presbytery were present and that the roll read the same as that of Tuesday evening with the exception of the excused absence mentioned above.

The Minutes of the previous Day were read and approved as corrected.

The acting moderator requested the Nominations Committee to bring in its recommendations for a Presbytery Council.

Upon request the National Missions Committee was excused from the floor of Presbytery.

A letter was read by the Permanent Clerk from Ira C. Booth, Chairman of the Board of Elders of the Duncan Memorial Church, inviting Presbytery-Presbyterial to dinner this evening. Presbytery unanimously accepted the invitation.

Rev. Claude Klaver, Chairman of the Committee on Pensions made the following report, a continuation of yesterday's short report.

"Your committee on Pensions would like to first of all remind the brethren, ministers, that we yet have till the end of this year to elect coverage under the Federal Social Security Program. Your decision to come under it or stay out of it after Monday will be yours for life except by an act of Congress. The Board of Pensions reports that 97% of the ministers of our church are choosing to pay for the insurance coverage offered through this program.

We would also like to report that there are at present no delinquent pension dues by either minister or churches.

At the 164th General Assembly meeting this action was taken toward the establishment of the Presbyterian Welfare Fund:-

1. "That authority be given the Board of Pensions to set up a plan for emergency relief, predicated on the principles - whereby the presbyteries in each synod would agree to assume the responsibility of:-
(a) locating and keeping in touch with all the distress cases then residing in the Presbytery ("Distress cases to be clearly defined by the Board of Pensions) regardless of the period of prior residence or ministerial service in any other presbytery or presbyteries and
(b) investigating each such case, preparing a report thereon to the presbytery and to the Board of Pensions, and, (c) appraising the need in each case annually to determine the amount required for that year.
2. "That the relief grants thus determined upon by each presbytery be submitted to the Board of Pensions for its approval and when agreed upon the Presbytery and the Board of Pensions each provide 50% of the cash required (the percentage of cash to be provided by each to be subject to adjustment by the Board of Pensions to correct inequalities due to unusual circumstances existing in certain presbyteries), the cash to be paid to the person or persons in need in installments, and the administration of the program, for sake of uniformity, to be handled in accordance with procedure to be determined by the Board of Pensions.
3. "That each presbytery determine for itself how its share of the cash required shall be raised.
4. "That if possible, the Board of Pensions utilize the existing Minister Emergency Relief Fund as the vehicle through which its share of the cash required would be provided.....
5. "That at the conclusion of three years the entire program of relief grants above described be carefully reviewed by the General Council to determine whether changes should be made."

We recommend that a Welfare Fund be established by our Presbytery. Monies from this fund shall be collected from the churches of the Presbytery. We recommend that one offering per year be received for the fund. An offering on Pensions Sunday would be most appropriate and sent to the treasurer of our Presbytery. Pastors too are encouraged to contribute generously to this offering.

The policies and procedures of this fund shall be as follows:-

1. Aid will be given to those in need of assistance, and proportional to that need.
2. Grants will only be given on specific recommendations of Presbytery or its authorized agent.
3. In all cases where the need can be met on a local or Presbytery level it is hoped that no call will be made on the Welfare Fund.
4. When no local church is involved, and the Presbytery cannot meet the need alone, then the Welfare Fund will be used to supplement the amount recommended by Presbytery on a basis to be determined by the Board and Presbytery.
5. Ordinarily, priority will be given to the direct aid of a minister or his wife before any benefit is provided for other dependent members of the family.

6. If specifically authorized by action of Presbytery, the Welfare Fund will make payments directly to the applicant, both in the amount due from Presbytery and from the fund and then, at a time agreed upon, send a statement to Presbytery for repayment of the amount advanced in its behalf. Such payments will be made only when recommended by Presbytery's authorized representative and should be requested only when necessary delay in the payments of Presbytery's portion would cause great hardship.

Presbytery voted to take the former motion from the table at this time. The motion that 10¢ per-capita be set aside for the Welfare Fund lost by a voice vote. Presbytery moved and unanimously passed that the Welfare Fund be set up "resolved that the Board of Pensions be authorized to expend from the Presbyterian Welfare Fund amounts in behalf of Alaska Presbytery, when such expenditures are specifically authorized by the chairman of Pensions Committee, with the understanding that Presbytery will later reimburse the Presbyterian Welfare Fund for its share of such authorized expenditures." Passed, with the amendment that Presbytery Council be notified of any action of the committee on Pensions.

Presbytery moved and passed that this report be received and its recommendations adopted.

Report respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Rev. Claude Klaver, Chmn.
(Signed) Andrew Wenamaker
(Signed) George Edenso

The Committee on Social Education and Action was given by Elder Isabel Miller in the absence of Dr. Malcolm S. Sweet.

Presbytery's Committee on Social Education and Action makes the following recommendations:-

1. We recommend serious consideration of the following literature and urge that as much of it as possible be obtained for use in our churches.
Passed.

The literature is under the following heads:-
Alcohol and Society- Christian Citizenship
Civil Liberties and Human Rights - General
International Relations - Racial and Cultural

2. We recommend to Presbytery that the special fund raised some years ago be used in fighting the problem of alcoholism in the territory and to date unexpended, now be used to secure educational motion picture films, booklets and pamphlets on alcohol, for distribution among the churches of the Presbytery.
Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Dr. Malcolm S. Sweet, Chmn
(Signed) Isabel Miller

Presbytery voted to receive the report and adopt the recommendations of this committee of Presbytery.

A verbal report was given by Dr. R.R. Armstrong, Field Representative and Assistant Secretary for the Board of National Missions. Presbytery voted to receive this report by a standing vote.

The order of the day was called for and Mrs. Mayreld Swanson was heard as Director of Christian Education. Presbytery voted the recommendations seriatim.

The following are recommendations to Alaska Presbytery by the Director of Christian Education of the Presbytery:-

1. That a Vacation Church School Committee be appointed and the minister plan with that Committee the program and needs of the school. Part of the committee (or all) should come from the women's groups in the church. Passed.
2. That more teacher training classes be held in the local churches which will include study of basic doctrine as well as methods of teaching, and discussion of the lesson materials. Passed.
3. Teacher recognition in the way of dedication, public commendation, or other in which the parents of the children have some participation. Passed.
4. A teacher library be made a permanent part of the church school. Passed.
5. Have area previews as far as possible in areas, or local previews with a workshop to plan the quarters material and activities suggested therein, Passed.

Presbytery moved and passed that the report be received and its recommendations adopted.

The Bible Study was continued under the leadership of Rev. Claude Elaver.

The Necrology Report was given by Dr. R.R. Armstrong, in the basence of the Rev. Paul F. Evans, Chairman.

Following a hymn, the list of Elders who departed this life were given as:-

Elder M.S. Whittier 1882-1956
 Elder since 1922.
 Juneau Northern Light
 Elder Charles Bredible Sr. 1872-1955
 Charter member of the Metlakatla Church
 Elder Arthur Nelson Sr. 1894-1955
 Charter member of the Metlakatla Church
 Elder acting at the time of his death.
 Elder Core Wester ???? - 1956
 Elder in the Craig Church
 Elder Charlie Davis 1873-1955
 Elder in theoonah Church.

The report concluded with a fitting memorial prayer by Dr. Armstrong.

Presbytery voted to recess until 1:00 P.M. Institute on Christian Education. Prayer by Dr. R.R. Armstrong.

1:00 P.M.

Following the Institute on Christian Education led by Rev. Charles Muir of the Synod of Washington, Presbytery was called to order by the acting moderator Rev. Henry Hartmann, at 2:00 P.M.

Since we were behind in our docket, it was voted that the Roll Call be taken while Presbytery was in session, at the convenience of the Stated Clerk. The Roll was noted that all enrolled were present as Tuesday evening.

The Committee on Christian Education continued their report with the following recommendations:- Presented by Rev. Ronald B. Snelling.

13. That we report that Henry Fawcett is planning to continue his college training this fall at Whitworth College. Passed.
14. That Cyrus Peck be continued under care of Presbytery for one more year. Passed.
15. That we refer the case of Frank Brady to the Committee on Candidates

and Credentials for further study. Passed.

16. That local churches be encouraged to send delegates to youth synod whenever possible. Passed.
17. That local churches be encouraged to form a youth fellowship program in accordance with the plan outlined in the new Westminster Fellowship Workbook. Passed.
18. That noting that the Boards of Christian Education and National Missions have provided \$350.00 to help send delegates to the Christian Education Leadership School in Portland, the local churches be urged to add to this fund in order to send more delegates. And that Dr. R.R. Armstrong work with Mrs. Mayreld Swanson to seek the additional funds and choose delegates in concurrence with the Synod Field director. Passed.
19. That Mr. Tom Morgan be nominated to the advisory committee of Sheldon Jackson School to serve in the class of 1958. Passed.
20. That Presbytery be authorized to purchase one Communicant Class Kit for itineration among the churches of Presbytery. Passed.
21. That Mrs. Mayreld Swanson be commended for her work in helping the local churches to build up their total Christian Education Program, and that she be given all possible cooperation by the local churches to that end. Passed.
22. That Rev. Charles Muir be commended for his work in the Christian Education program of the Presbytery of Alaska. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Rev. Ronald B. Snelling, Chmn
Committee on Christian Education

Presbytery moved that the report be received and its recommendations adopted as a whole as they were seriatim. Passed.

The Committee on National Missions continued its report under the chairman Rev. D.A. Schwab, with the following recommendations:-

Presbytery moved to take from the table recommendation 3 of this report (Page 11). Rev. Stussi and Rev. Rosson withdrew the motion (substitute) and second respectively, which had not been debated, and with the permission of Rev. D.A. Schwab.

A substitute motion in place of recommendation 3 was presented as follows:-
"In order that Presbytery be not placed in the position of voting the recommendation of one whose abilities in the field are not known by personal and experimental acquaintance, and in order that its loyalty and cooperation of its members with the Field Representative of the Board may not come into question, and in order that personalities might not enter the total picture, therefore be it resolved:-

"That the Presbytery of Alaska promise its wholehearted cooperation with the Field Representative of the Board of National Missions, and/or the Assistant Secretary of the Department of Work in Alaska of that Board, whomever he may be and whenever he may be designated by the Board.

(This is not to be construed as a rejection of, or vote against, Mr. Cleworth, but rather as an expression of the reluctance of this presbytery to go on record as endorsing and recommending-- virtually rubber-stamping the action of other bodies regarding him----without first-hand knowledge of his abilities and qualifications.)"

Presbytery voted on the substitute motion, which won by a unanimous vote. The original motion was lost.

8. Whereas, the Presbytery of Alaska in 1952 called the attention of the Board of National Missions to the coming of the 60 million dollar pulp mill in Ketchikan, and need of expansion of the Presbyterian work in Ketchikan, and the opportunities of Christian service, and

Whereas in 1955 the Presbytery of Alaska took the following action:-

"Considering the rapid growth of population in Ketchikan, with the coming of the Ketchikan pulp mill and the trend of the total population shift northward, and the continued rising cost for suitable lots for church building, that Presbytery again respectfully urge the Board of National Missions to make funds available at the earliest possible moment for the relocation of the Ketchikan Church, and that the Board and the Presbytery consider this as a #1 priority in National Missions Building in the Presbytery."

We recommend that the Board of National Missions consider Ketchikan as the #1 priority National Missions Building Project in Southeastern Alaska, that funds be provided by the Board, and that the Board assume the ownership of the new proposed church as the project. Passed.

9. That we commend Dr. J. Earl Jackman for his continued selfless Christian leadership and service, and that Dr. R.R. Armstrong speak a word of tribute on behalf of the Presbytery. Following this word of tribute, Presbytery in a standing vote commended Dr. Jackman.

10. That we reconsider the action of Presbytery in which was suggested to divert 10% of our benevolence giving to the Princeton-Hall, Carried. That we recommend that each church be asked to raise a special offering to the Princeton-Hall replacement fund, and that the suggested amount be at least 10% over and above their total congregational benevolence budget. Passed... Unanimously.

11. That the Field Representative, General Missionary and the Secretary of the Department of Work in Alaska be empowered to moderate the sessions of any vacant National Missions Church. Passed.

12. That John H. Willard, and Johnnie Willard be commended for their fine volunteer service at Klykwan in the intervals that Mrs. Swanson is away. Passed.

13. That the committee on National Missions note with regret, laxness in some areas, that some Pastors, in receiving members into the church without communicant classes, and baptize children without sufficient counsel with parents, we recommend that each session work with their Pastor in giving adequate training and counsel. Passed.

14. That Presbytery concur with the request of the Angoon Congregation and ask the Burdick's to continue at Angoon another year. Passed.

15. Whereas Southeastern Alaska is a large area to be covered by the Princeton-Hall, and whereas, the Princeton-Hall was able in 1955 to sail in only about 55 isolated unchurched areas, and in less than 10 of these was able to make a repeat visit, and during that period about 50 new logging, mining, or other ventures were started during that time, that there is coming a new pulp mill in Juneau area, another in the Sitka area, and other communities are attracting new industry and enterprises, we recommend that Presbytery respectfully call the attention to the Board of National Missions to the fact that we cannot hope to do an effective mission with just the Princeton-Hall, and there is urgent need of a second boat to continue to reach unchurched areas and isolated Sunday Schools. Passed unanimously.

16. That the Presbytery invite the Moderator of the 1956 General Assembly to include Alaska in his itinerary. Unanimously passed.
17. That we express our grateful thanks to the Board of National Missions and its Division of Evangelism, and the churches and Pastors of the Stateside churches participating in our week of Evangelistic Emphasis, and that we commend its continuance this coming year. Passed.
18. That Dr. R.R. Armstrong and the chairman of this committee send out a letter in the name of the Presbytery, to the sessions of each National Missions Church, urging the church to institute steps to bring disciplinary action against Elders and other church officers who are not living up to their ordination vows, or that the Session request Presbytery to take this action if it is not wise for the Session to act because of family ties. Passed.
19. That the Stated Clerk write the congregations of all villages and/or towns where we have churches, through their ministers, advising them that the National Council of Churches has assigned the Presbyterian Church the responsibility of a Christian ministry, that we must do our best to measure up to this responsibility, and that the loyalty of the congregation belongs to their own church, and that continued or regular attendance with all non-comity churches or groups weakens their own church. Unanimously passed.
20. That notice be given that recommendation 11 above be added to the by-laws of Presbytery at our next regular meeting. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Rev. D.A. Schwab, Chmn.
 Rev. Paul Moser
 Andrew Wanamaker
 George Eeno

Presbytery moved and passed that this report be received and its recommendations be adopted in toto as they were seriatim.

Presbytery recessed to meet as a Corporation.

The Corporation of the Presbytery of Alaska met in the Metlakatla Church at the designated time and hour of 4:00 P.M. with due notice having been given to the members of the Corporation. In the absence of the President of the Corporation, Dr. Malcolm S. Sweet, the Rev. D.A. Schwab presided.

The office of Secretary-Treasurer is open due to the term of office of Rev. D.A. Schwab expiring, Rev. Roland Rosson and Rev. William Gavin were nominated for the office of Secretary-Treasurer. By a ballot-vote the office was in favor of Rev. William Gavin. The Elder of the officers of the corporation expired in the name of Charles Nelson. Elder Nelson was elected unanimously to succeed himself.

The First Presbyterian Church of Wrangell requested Presbytery to receive the deed to the Wrangell Church, when transferred from the Board of National Missions. Unanimously passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with prayer by the Rev. William Gavin.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Rev. D.A. Schwab, Acting Secretary

Presbytery voted to recess until 9:00 A.M. Morning Devotions.

The popular evening worship service was in charge of the Committee on Christian Education, and was presided over by the Rev. Ronald Snelling.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14th
9:00 A.M.

Following Morning Devotions led by Rev. William Gavin of Sitka, Presbytery was called to order by the acting Moderator Rev. Henry Hartmann, who convened Presbytery with prayer.

The Roll Call was given by the Stated Clerk, who noted all delegates were present, and the roll the same as that of Tuesday evening.

Rev. Arthur A. Johnson to the chair.

The Minutes of the Previous Day were read and approved as corrected.
The Report of Temporary Committees:-

Sessional Records:- The Committee on Sessional Records has completed its examinations of the session books of the churches of Presbytery. It has noted the exceptions to approval on a separate paper within each book. Although many churches are to be commended for their care with which their records are kept, most churches are constantly delinquent on one or more rules in the keeping of their minutes. It is therefore urged that each session take time in regular meetings to become familiar with the contents of these rules which should be posted in the front of each session book.

In addition to the normal exceptions, the Committee reports to Presbytery the following major exceptions before approval can be made:-

1. There is no record of any Session meeting for the entire past year from the Memorial Presbyterian Church of Juneau. Also since previous minutes have been written in pages pasted into what is really the church register, it is recommended that the Presbytery require the purchase of a separate book for Session minutes by the church. Passed.
2. The Northern Light Church is to correct its minutes as instructed by Presbytery to eliminate several inconsistencies with established Presbyterian Law. Passed.
3. The Session of the Haines Church has failed to forward its Session record for reading and approval, and that Presbytery remind the Session of the importance and necessity of submitting its records to the annual meeting of Presbytery. Passed.

The Elder from Memorial Church stated that the church has a new Session Book, but the wrong book was picked up on the way to Presbytery. Presbytery voted that the phrase "it is recommended that the Presbytery require the purchase of a separate book for Session minutes by the church" to be stricken; and that these records be forwarded to the Council of Presbytery for their review and approval. Passed. Presbytery voted that the report be received, its recommendations adopted and that the committee be commended for its diligence.

Committee on Finance and Audit:-

Petty Cash.....	\$ 9.98
Christian Education.....	\$340.77
Presbytery Fee.....	\$413.24
Liquor Fight Fund.....	\$225.00

General Fund:-

Receipts	\$4614.15
Disbursements.....	\$2346.67
The Balance.....	\$2267.48

We the committee on Finance and Audit do recommend that we put \$1000.00 in a savings account, and that the treasurer be covered by a \$5000.00 bond to cover money

carried on his person during Presbytery meetings.

We further recommend that the Stated Clerk be supplied with a new standard upright typewriter.

We the Audit Committee find the books in good order.

Signed:- Alistair Short
Mrs. Mildred Sparks

Finance and Audit of Campgrunds Books.

They are found in good order with a balance of \$495.80.

Signed:- Alistair Short
Mrs. Mildred Sparks

Presbytery moved that the reports be received and the recommendations adopted.

Resolutions of Thanks:-

"Moderator, Fathers and Brethren:-

To give expression of our deep appreciation for all that has been received throughout the period of this presbytery session would be a most difficult assignment, however, your committee will attempt to acknowledge with gratitude that which has transpired prior to and during our stay in Metlakatla.

To the host Pastor, the Rev. Roland Rosson, the Session and the members of the Metlakatla Presbyterian Church for excellent planning, a cordial welcome, generous hospitality, delicious dinners, and entertaining programs;

To the Committee on Arrangements, and those who have been responsible for the many details involved in housing, feeding, and providing for our entertainment;

To the Acting Mayor and town Council for their many thoughtful preparations that have contributed immeasurably to our comforts and enjoyment;

To the Pastor, the Rev. Mr. Westbrook, the Session and Congregation of the William Duncan Memorial Church of Metlakatla, for their generous hospitality, Christian fellowship, delightful dinner and entertainment;

To the Metlakatla Presbyterian Church Choir and its director Mr. Joseph Verney, whose inspired music caused us to lift our eyes to heaven, and give praise and adoration to our God for His marvelous gifts to mankind; and to the organist and pianist who have served so faithfully in our numerous meanings;

To the Rev. Charles Muir, Miss Elizabeth Manuel, Mrs. Mayreld Swanson, Miss Isabel Miller, and the Committees of Presbytery for the insight we have gained through their presentation of the total church program;

To our Vice-Moderator and our clerks for leading us through the business of Presbytery in an efficient and exemplary manner;

To Presbyterial for sharing with us of its leaders and its continued interest and courageous faith in the work of the Kingdom;

To the Rev. Claude Klaver for his warm presentation of the Word of God in our Bible Study Hour, and for those who challenged us to Christian living in the devotional periods;

To Dr. Jackman and Dr. Armstrong for their leadership, encouragement and help which cannot begin to be measured by any of us, and for their continued prayer and devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church in Alaska;

To the crew of the Princeton-Hall, The Blue Star, and the Linda E for transportation and the opportunity of fellowship;

To each and every person and organization, which in any way has had part in the entertainment, generous hospitality, education and spiritual enrichment we have received;

We the Committee on Resolutions, on behalf of Alaska Presbytery and each individual who has been in attendance, express our sincere thanks and deepest appreciation to Metlakatlans and everyone who has had a part in making the 1956 stated meeting a profitable meaningful experience in the Kingdom Work of

our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

Signed:-
Signed:-

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. William Gavin
Elder Sam Newman

Presbytery voted that this report be received and spread on the minutes of Presbytery; and that it be read at some popular meeting of Presbytery.

Committee on Leave of Absence:-

Delegates are to be commended for their diligence in attending each session of Presbytery, it makes for a smoother running of the churches business.

Respectfully submitted,
The Clerks.

Presbytery moved that this report on the Committee of Leave of Absence be received.

Committee on Nominations:-

Your committee would make the following recommendations in addition to our earlier report (See Page 8):-

Ministerial Relations

Rev. William Gavin-Chairman

Committee on History

Rev. George Betts, Chmn.; Elder Leslie Yaw, Rev. George Beck.

Committee on Candidates and Credentials

Rev. Paul F. Evans, Chmn.; Rev. Richard Stussi; Elder Chas. Nelson.

Council of Presbytery

Class of '59 -

Rev. Wm Gavin, Chmn.; Elder Jack Edens

Class of '58

Rev. Robert VanNest; Elder Leslie Yaw

Class of '57

Rev. Kenneth Smith; Elder Roland Burrows

Committee on Evangelism

Class of '58

Rev. Paul Moser, Chmn.; Elder A.D. Short

Class of 57

Rev. Henry Hartmann; Elder Henry Littlefield

Respectfully Submitted,

Signed:- Rev. Elmer Parker

Signed:- Rev. George Betts

Signed:- Elder George Edens

Presbytery moved that these nominees be elected by acclamation. Passed.

The order of the day was called for and Dr. J. Earl Jackman presented to Presbytery the matter of church property, insurance, and other things incumbent on National Missions Churches.

The Bible Study Hour was given by Rev. Claude Klaver, continuing in II Timothy.

Presbytery recessed with prayer by Rev. Claude Klaver.

1:00 P.M.

Following the Christian Education Institute by Rev. Charles Muir of the Synod of Washington, the Rev. Henry Hartmann called Presbytery to order with prayer by Elder David Kadashan, who prayed in his native Thlingit tongue.

The Roll Call was taken by the Stated Clerk and noted as being the same as the Tuesday evening session.

Rev. Arthur A. Johnson to the Chair.

Rev. Henry Hartmann presented the report of the Judicial Business Committee as follows:-

I. The question referred from the Committee on Sessional Records:- Minutes of the Session, Northern Light Presbyterian Church, Pages 102 and 103: nominations and election of three elders for a "Life Term" though the church was organized on the rotary system.

Form of Government, Chapter XIII, Section 8, expressly states that "Ruling Elders once ordained shall not be divested of the office when they are not reelected....." The action above mentioned in the minutes of the Session of the Northern Light Church does not appear to be an election to the membership of the Session, (which would be contrary to the clear meaning of the deliverance of the 1911 General Assembly (Page 218 Minutes of the General Assembly 1911 - Page 483 Digest 1938) - "Life and term Elders may not serve on the same session at the same time.") However examination of the weekly bulletin of the Northern Light Church reveals that these men are listed under the heading "THE SESSION", and after terms headed "1957", "1958" and "1959" as "Life Term". If this listing indicates the actual position which these men are regarded as holding, the election is illegal and should be declared invalid; if on the other hand it indicates something that was not the intention of the congregation and Session, it should by their own action be deleted from the bulletin directory.

Further, since under the above cited F.G. XIII, 8, all Elders are elected for a life term as Elders (though they may hold office in the Session only for a term of three years unless reelected) the above election represents an empty gesture and as such should be declared invalid. It would appear to be without meaning to give to a person that which he already possesses.

While the congregation of the Northern Light Church is within its rights in seeking to honor men for outstanding service to the church, and should be commended for its purpose, nevertheless the action taken is not in accord with the Form of Government and the interpretation thereof by the General Assembly, and other means, perhaps in more tangible form, ought to be sought to convey this honor and appreciation.

Your committee recommends that Presbytery declare the election of these men as "Life Term" invalid, and direct that their names not be so listed in the bulletin, and the Sessional Records be not approved til correction is made.

Passed. Elder R. Burrows negative vote recorded.

II. The question referred from the Committee on Ministerial Relations:-

A letter from Dr. Malcolm S. Sweet regarding the action of the Session of the Northern Light Church in authorizing Dr. Sweet to appoint H.E. Beyers to act as Assistant Minister.

Mr. Beyers, formerly a minister in another denomination, was received on reaffirmation of Faith, by the Northern Light Church on Oct. 2, 1955. On Jan. 11, 1956, he was elected to the session of the church, Class of 1957, the action inviting him to serve as assistant minister took place on March 6, 1956.

Form of Government Chapter XV, Section 1 is clear in its definition of the relative status of minister, pastor, assistant and associate pastors. These offices can be held only by ordained ministers of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., and the relationship must be established by procedure involving the minister, congregation and the Presbytery in the case of Pastor and Associate Pastor, and involving the Session, Pastor and Presbytery in the case of Assistant Pastor.

By the usage of the church, however, the term "Pastor's Assistant" or "Assistant to the Pastor" (carefully to be distinguished from the term Assistant Pastor) refers to an individual used by the Pastor for certain functions and responsible to him, but not serving in a pastoral capacity.

However in the bulletin mentioned above, Mr. Beyers is listed "Associate Minister", clearly a very different position from that to which authorization was accorded. Furthermore his name here, and in places here and there in the minutes of the Session is listed as "Reverend" H.E. Beyer.

Your committee strongly notes that the listing on the bulletin is contrary not only to the vote of the session, but also in direct violation of the Form of Government, since it indicates a relationship that cannot exist without a very different process. We recommend that this listing be deleted. Passed.

Your committee also notes that the term "Reverend" noting as it does ordination as a minister, is not a valid term. By the meaning of Chapter V, Form of Government, a Ruling Elder cannot be a minister. The Digest pp. 464ff makes plain the principle that a minister cannot serve on a session as a Ruling Elder; that he cannot be a member of the local church. It would appear to your committee that Mr. Beyer, since he did not seek to transfer his credentials, but rather joined the Presbyterian Church as a member, has in effect demitted his former ministry, and is no longer entitled to the address "Reverend", and we would recommend that Presbytery direct the session of the Northern Light Presbyterian Church to so correct its minutes. Passed.

We further express our understanding of the reasons and purposes behind the action, which we have sustained in encouraging Mr. Beyers to reenter the calling to which he was once ordained, but we would suggest that the Northern Light Session in the following out of its purpose be careful to comply with all the provisions relating to ministers and candidates in our constitution.

Respectfully submitted,
Signed:- Rev. Henry Hartmann
Signed:- Rev. Paul F. Evans
Signed:- Elder Charles Nelson

Presbytery moved and passed that this report be received and its recommendations adopted.

The Report of the Judicial Commission of Presbytery was given by Rev. Henry Hartmann as follows:-

"Fathers and Brethren:-

This Commission was charged with the task of following through the various involvements resulting from the Weidner case, and subsequent litigations and communications.

However early in December Hal S. Weidner, who at the time had a case on appeal with the Synod, served notice on the Session of the Auke Bay Chapel-by-the-Lake, that he could no longer conscientiously remain in the Presbyterian Church, that he was becoming a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, and that consequently he was dropping all charges and appeals.

The Auke Bay Session upon receipt of the letter, Dec. 8th, discussed it, and transmitted a request to the Special Judicial Commission of Presbytery for guidance in procedure. The advice of the Commission was to quote the Book of Discipline Chapter VII, Section 2...."If a church member renounces the communion of the church by joining another, without a regular dismission, although such conduct is disorderly, the Session shall take no other action in the case than record the facts, and order

his name to be erased from the roll." It is to be noted that this direction is not permissive but mandatory.

In accordance with this advice, the session of the Auke Bay Chapel-by-the-Lake did, on Jan. 8th remove Mr. Weidner's name from the rolls by erasure, as noted in the Session minutes under that date.

Your commission reports that the above actions, with the recommendation that, since the person whose activities were the concern of the Commission has withdrawn from the fellowship of the church and is no longer subject to the jurisdictions of the Presbyterian Church nor entitled to prosecute the litigation he began, the responsibility of the Commission be deemed to have ceased, and the commission be discharged.

Rev. Henry Hartmann, Convener

Rev. Paul Moser

Rev. Paul F. Evans

Rev. Bertram Rutan

Elder Charles Nelson, Ketchikan

Elder Jeff David, Haines

Elder E.R. Sharnbroich, Wrangell

(See Page 3)

Presbytery voted to receive the report of the Judicial Commission of Presbytery, adopt its recommendations, and commend its fidelity.

Presbytery moved and seconded to reconsider the matter of a typewriter for Presbytery's office. The vote defeated the motion.

The Stated Clerk read the adjourned meeting of June 29-29 and Aug. 28, 1955. Presbytery voted that it be recorded that such had been read and approved.

Presbytery moved to the Election of a Moderator. Elder George Edenso of Craig eloquently nominated Elder Charles Nelson of Ketchikan. Presbytery voted that nominations be closed and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Elder Nelson. The clerk cast a unanimous ballot for Elder Nelson. Presbytery cast their vote by a standing ovation. Rev. Paul Moser, Elder Nelson's Pastor and Elder George Edenso, escorted Elder Nelson to the chair, where Vice-Moderator Rev. Henry Hartmann, presented Elder Nelson with the gavel. The prayer of dedication was given by the Stated Clerk.

Elder Moderator Nelson to the chair.

Moderator Nelson appointed his Pastor the Rev. Paul F. Moser as Vice-Moderator.

There were no letters of request received for the place of next meeting and Presbytery moved that the council solicit a place for our next meeting.

Rev. Henry Hartmann reported on the organization of the Yakutat Presbyterian Church as follows:-

"On May 16, 1955, a meeting of the Congregation of the Thlingit Covenant Church of Yakutat, following a public service of worship. Led by its own officers, the meeting of the congregation of the Covenant Church took action to dissolve the Thlingit Covenant Church of Yakutat, and to grant letters of dismission to the Yakutat Presbyterian Church for those so desiring, and to turn over to the Yakutat Presbyterian Church any money or property owned by the Thlingit Covenant Church.

After the adjournment of this meeting, the committee of Presbytery, consisting of Rev. Henry Hartmann, Rev. Claude Klaver, Rev. George Betts, and Rev. Walter A. Soboleff D.D., with Rev. R.R. Armstrong D.D., Field Representative of National Missions, met with members of the dissolved church, examining each individually as to knowledge and piety. The Minutes of this meeting and a similar meeting held the next afternoon,

are in the records of Presbytery.

On May 18, 1955 following the reception of Members by the Rev. Henry Hartman, Rev. R.R. Armstrong D.D., Field Representative and Assistant Secretary of the Board of National Missions, conducted the service of introduction of the Missionary Pastor, Rev. Claude Klaver. The charge to the Missionary Pastor was also given by Rev. Armstrong. Dr. Walter Soboleff delivered the charge to the congregation in Thlingit and English.

The Congregational Meeting then followed with the election of Elders and deacons with the same being installed by the Pastor Rev. Claude Klaver.

Following words of benediction the meeting closed.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed:- Rev. Henry Hartmann, Chmn.

Presbytery voted that the report be received and that a summary be spread on the minutes of Presbytery, and that the original be filed in the file of Presbytery. Passed.

A letter from Rev. Hendrick VanDyke, Moderator of the Session of the Sitka Church in regard to the installation of Rev. William Gavin, December 11, 1955. Those participating in the service were:- Rev. D.A. Schwab, Rev. Hendrick VanDyke, Elders George Prescott and Samuel Sing.

Presbytery moved and unanimously passed to endorse wholeheartedly the Mental Health Bill #2518, and that a letter be sent to Delegate Hon. Robert Bartlett stating our wholehearted endorsement.

Presbytery unanimously voted to reconsider our previous action on the Liquor Fight Fund Account (See S.E.A. Report Page 15, Recommendation 2)

Presbytery unanimously voted that this fund be placed at the disposal of the Committee on Social Education and Action.

Presbytery voted to extend the docket until 5:30 P.M.

Presbytery moved that the Moderator of General Assembly be requested to come to Alaska during the time of the Spring meeting of both presbyteries.

Presbytery voted that we concur with the Presbytery of Yukon for October 21-28 date for Week of Evangelism, and that these dates be cleared through Presbytery's Council.

Presbytery voted to recess until following the evening meeting. Presbytery recessed with prayer by the Moderator Elder Charles Nelson.

The evening worship service of Presbytery presented talks by Dr. J. Earl Jackman and Rev. Bill Wartes of Barrow. Following their messages, the History Pantomime of the 250th Anniversary of the First Presbytery was presented. Rev. D.A. Schwab presided and Rev. Kenneth Smith was chairman of the Anniversary Committee.

10:00 P.M.

Presbytery was called to order by Moderator Charles Nelson at 10:00 P.M. and led Presbytery in prayer.

The Roll Call was taken and noted that all delegates were in attendance, and the roll call was the same as Tuesday evening with the exception that Elder Mildred Sparks was excused, being called home.

The letter of transfer of Dr. R.R. Armstrong from the Presbytery of Yukon was received and his name enrolled in Presbytery. This matter was received by a

standing vote (unanimous) of Presbytery. The Vice-Moderator brought Dr. Armstrong forward and led Presbytery in prayer on his behalf as President of Sheldon Jackson Junior College.

Presbytery voted to concur with Synod's Council recommendation concerning the itineration of Committee heads in the territory, and that Presbytery Council work out dates for such an itineration.

Correspondence was received from Cyrus Peck, Secretary of A.N.B., and Rev. John Grisgett in graduate study in Princeton Seminary. Presbytery voted that the Stated Clerk write these men a letter of thanks.

The Minutes of the Haines Presbyterian Church arrived too late for the report of the committee. The committee corrected the Haines Minutes of Session and Presbytery voted the recommendation 3 of the Sessional Records report be stricken. (See page 18)

Since John Dodge U.S.N. Chaplain has sent word he cannot go to Synod, Presbytery voted that Rev. Ronald Snelling be made principle delegate and that we proceed to elect a ministerial alternate to Synod. Passed.

Rev. George Betts and Dr. Malcolm Sweet were nominated as alternate delegate to Synod. By ballot Rev. George Betts was declared the alternate delegate.

The Rev. Paul F. Moser resigned as chairman of radio and TV for the Presbytery, and nominated Rev. Hendrick VanDyke in his place. Rev. VanDyke was elected by acclamation, and Presbytery voted that John Groller be so notified.

Presbytery unanimously approved the recommendation that we wrote Dr. Alexander Sharp and John Groller highly recommending that radio station KSEW be increased to 5000 watts AS soon as possible.

The Minutes of the Previous Day were read and approved as corrected. This completes the approval of the Minutes for this Presbytery.

Presbytery voted that we adjourn following worship tomorrow, to meet at the call of the Moderator. Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Layworker Andrew Gamble.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15th

11:00 A.M. - Worship Service -- Metlakatla Presbyterian Church
Presiding:- Rev. Arthur A. Johnson
Sermon:- Rev. Henry Hartmann - Vice-Moderator

2:00 P.M. - Choral Concert by the Metlakatla Choir
Joseph Verney, Conductor

8:00 P.M. - THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Rev. Ronald Snelling, Presiding
Rev. Roland Rosson, Meditation
Ministry of the Bread
Rev. Paul F. Evans
Ministry of the Cup
Dr. R.R. Armstrong
Elders of the Metlakatla Church serving

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Ronald B. Snelling, Permanent Clerk

Attest:- Rev. Paul F. Evans, Stated Clerk

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Signed:-

Attest:-

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

National Missions:-

'59 - Rev. Paul F. Moser
'59 - Elder George Edenso
'58 - Rev. Donald A. Schwab, Chmn.
'58 - Elder J.S. Shields
'57 - Rev. Malcolm S. Sweet
'57 - Elder Andrew Wanamaker

Christian Education:-

'59 - Dr. R.R. Armstrong
'59 - Elder Richard Nelson
'58 - Rev. Roland Rosson
'58 - Elder Larry Doig
'57 - Rev. Ronald Snelling, Chmn.
'57 - Elder Leslie Yaw

Foreign Missions:-

'59 - Rev. Richard Stussi, Chmn.
'59 - Elder Johnny Willard
'58 - Rev. Arthur Johnson
'58 - Elder Charles Nelson

Stewardship & Promotion:-

Dr. Walter Soboleff, Chmn.
Rev. D.A. Schwab, National Missions
Rev. Richard Stussi, Foreign Missions
Rev. Ronald Snelling, Christian Ed.
Rev. Claude Klaver, Pensions

History & Necrology:-

Rev. Paul F. Evans

Pensions:-

'59 - Elder Jack Edenso
'58 - Elder Andrew Wanamaker
'57 - Rev. Claude Klaver, Chmn.

Ministerial Relations:-

'59 - Rev. William Gavin, Chmn
'58 - Rev. Paul Moser
'57 - Rev. D.A. Schwab

Bills & Overtures:-

'59 - Rev. Robert VanNest
'59 - Elder Andrew Gamble
'58 - Rev. Bertram Rutan, Chmn.
'58 - Elder Mildred Sparks
'57 - Rev. D.A. Schwab
'57 - Elder David Phillips

Social Education & Action

'59 - Elder Isabel Miller
'58 - Dr. Malcolm S. Sweet, Chmn.
'57 - Elder Dan Kahklen

Marriage:-

'59 - Elder Andrew Wanamaker
'58 - Dr. Walter A. Soboleff
'57 - Dr. Malcolm S. Sweet

Presbytery Council:-

'59 - Rev. William Gavin, Chmn.
'59 - Elder Jack Edenso
'58 - Rev. Robert VanNest
'58 - Elder Leslie Yaw
'57 - Rev. Kenneth Smith
'57 - Elder Roland Burrows

Candidates & Credentials

'59 - Rev. Paul F. Evans, Chmn.
'58 - Rev. Richard Stussi
'57 - Elder Charles Nelson

Stated Clerk - ExOfficio

Evangelism:-

'58 - Rev. Paul F. Moser, Chmn.
'58 - Elder Alistair Short
'57 - Rev. Henry Hartmann
'57 - Elder Henry Littlefield

Temporary Committee
Presbytery's History

Rev. George Betts, Chmn.
Elder Leslie Yaw
Rev. George Beck

Corporation

'59 - Rev. Wm Gavin (Sec'y) - Elder Chas. Nelson
'58 - Dr. W. Soboleff - Elder J.S. Shields (V.P.)
'57 - Dr. M. Sweet (President)